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RETIRING AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PAUL CAVALLO greets a table of his friends and colleagues at his retirement party at Chez Josef. Seated: Robert Lester, Fred Messier, and Ralph Figy. Standing: Jack Dougherty and Paul Cavallo. Photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

Retiring educator's good-natured personality will be missed

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Long-time educator Paul C. Cavallo, outgoing principal of Agawam High School, told friends at his retirement party at Chez Josef, "It's going to be tough to leave," but he also feels that "it's time in my life to do something else."

Some 200 friends attended the ceremonial dinner, and programs entitled "Sailing Into Retirement" were distributed, with a photo of Cavallo steering a ship.

Deputy Superintendent Donald Charest served as master of ceremonies, with several educators giving greetings and a gift.

Among them were Mayor Richard A. Cohen, chairman of Agawam's School Committee; Dr. Frank Ameruso, superintendent of schools; Dorothy Martin, AHS Renaissance Program; Louis Massoia, former School Committee member; Frank Meagher, Guidance coordinator; Russell Ramah, AHS Computer Science coordinator; Wayne Morse, AHS Social Studies coordinator; and Paul Cavallo, Jr. and Scott Cavallo, sons of the guest of honor.

Bernadette Conte, AHS dean of students, and Kathleen McSweeney, deputy principal, made the gift presentation, and Paul Cavallo spoke to the group at the close of the event.

When asked what he remembers as the highlight of his years in education, Cavallo told us, "I am most proud of returning Agawam High School to good standing with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Although this has been accomplished in two of the three areas, Curriculum Instruction and School Facilities, we now need only to complete our library renovations and our accreditation will be restored."

"This third aspect will be completed by November 1st. I would consider this my legacy," he noted.

Cavallo has been recognized as a good-natured person by his associates, and he is first to credit a sense of humor with keeping his career enjoyable.

Ameruso pointed out that Cavallo "stepped in when I needed him and did a tremendous job. He's been a joy to work with. He will be missed."

After earning his undergraduate degree from American International College in English and his master's degree from Westfield State, Cavallo taught English in Watertown, New York from 1963-1965 and at Birchland Park School, East Longmeadow from 1965-1971.

In 1968, he and his family moved to Agawam and in 1971, Cavallo became a guidance counselor at AHS until 1985.

From 1985 until 1996, he was director of Guidance, while simultaneously serving as Principal of Evening School from 1985-2000.

In 1996, he became deputy principal, and from 2000 through 2001, he has been AHS principal.

Cavallo told us, "Everyone here is great - the teachers, the administrators - and I knew all the people here and what to expect from the kids. What is important to me is being able to keep the school running and to teach kids what they need to learn. We had very few problems, really: something is going right here."

Cavallo cited areas in which he feels satisfied with his influence. "I brought the Guidance Department a

Council passes \$58.3 million budget with eight votes

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

Town Council approved the town budget of \$58,340,544 with a vote of 8-1-2 Monday, June 18th, with just one change: an \$86,050 cut to the tax, title and taking item.

The total proposed for that budget was \$186,050.

"I believe that's a little excessive when \$90,000 is going toward one corporation," said Councilor Robert Magovern.

That corporation is Princess Realty, Inc., owned by Ralph DePalma. It owes Agawam back taxes on more than 150 different parcels.

Council President Gina Letellier said that same item raised two concerns for her. The first was the "reasonableness of going after all back taxes at once." The second was that there are other legal actions available to the town to collect the taxes.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen reminded the council that it twice voted down an amendment that would have allowed the town to deny permits or licenses to any business that owed back taxes instead of foreclosing.

Councilor Joseph Mineo, who put that amendment back on the agenda at Monday's meeting under new business, voted against slashing the item.

"We did have a chance to pass an amendment dealing with taxes and I cannot support this," he said.

Council Vice President Robert Young said he'd like to see more financial emphasis placed on the school's technology program and suggested the funds cut from the tax item should be added to the technology budget.

"Allocating \$125,000 [to school technology] a year is not a strategy where I come from," Young said. "And what I don't see addressed anywhere is Internet conductivity to the classrooms. That just doesn't cut it."

Although the council cannot take monies from one section of the budget and add it to another, several councilors expressed agreement with Young's idea.

School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin, who attended the meeting, also agreed.

"We'd gladly accept that \$86,000 with a smile on our faces," she said after the budget hearing.

Councilor Jill Simpson noted the absence of an ambulance in Feeding Hills in the budget.

"I'd like to know where we are on that," Ms. Simpson asked.

"The manpower issue is the reason why," said Councilor Dennis Perry, who served on a budget subcommittee that examined the Fire Department's portion of the budget. "We have the equipment, but it's the manpower and the way the scheduling is set up."

Perry added that the Fire Department employees and union are negotiating contracts at this time and a solution could be forthcoming.

"There is a plan in place, but because of contract negotiations, it wasn't in the budget," he said.

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PAUL AND JOAN CAVALLO (left photo) are pictured with members of their family at Paul's retirement party at Chez Josef. In right photo: Paul and his wife, Joan, read a sign wishing him good luck in retirement. The sign was outside of Chez Josef before Paul's recent retirement party. Photos courtesy of David Pulaski.

CAVALLO - from Page 1

long way when I was director as far as establishing a rapport with the kids and meeting their needs. As deputy principal and principal, I tried to be fair and make decisions which were right, even if they were not popular.

"There is a lot to deal with, such as harrassment issues or pressures the kids bring into the school from outside. Some of the kids were not happy with the no-hats rule, but that was about security. Locking of the doors is a proactive measure for the safety of the students.

"I have recommended updates of television monitors and other possible means of identification for the

future. A school is like a little city. You need rules and order so everyone can get an education," Cavallo added.

Cavallo remembers Operation Recognition as one of the nicest events of his years in education. Operation Recognition took place in the Agawam High School auditorium earlier this spring and honored 13 veterans who left high school before graduation to fight in World War II, thereby never receiving their diplomas.

Fifty years later, this ceremony moved the audience to tears as each veteran was presented with gifts, including NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw's book, commemorative stamps, plaques, and a newspaper titled "Operation Recognition," published by the

Agawam High *Mirror* staff.

In addition to the diploma and American flag each veteran received, every junior and senior of Agawam High School gave them a standing ovation.

"That will always be a special memory for me," Cavallo said.

After taking time off through the summer, he hopes to do something part-time with teaching and told student reporter Erin Jackson in an interview with the AHS *Mirror* that "a little teaching may be a bit of a stress reliever."

His wife, Joan D. Cavallo, said in an interview with the *Springfield Union News* at his retirement party, "The school will always be a part of him."

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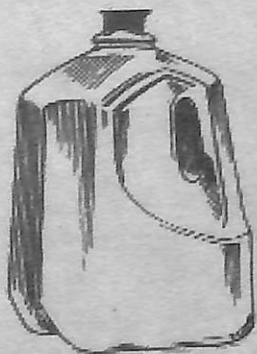
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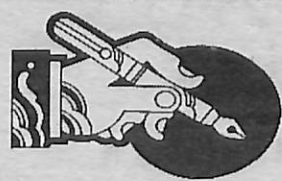
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On Local Politics

by Richard Sãrdella
Editor/Publisher

The lone candidate for superintendent best one for the job

To follow up last week's column about the Agawam School Committee's selection of a new superintendent of schools from within the ranks, i.e., Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Mary Czajkowski, here's a brief update.

The job was posted on Wednesday, June 13th. The deadline for applications was at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 19th.

Miss Czajkowski was the only individual from the

Agawam School System to apply.

Late last week, the South Hadley School Committee interviewed her as a semi-finalist for their superintendent's job. After the interview, she became a finalist. Surprise, surprise.

Miss Czajkowski instantly became a hotter commodity, so to speak, after the Agawam School Committee at its June 12th clearly moved the internal process in her direction at an extraordinarily rapid pace.

The folks over in South Hadley understand what's going on over here. Certainly, they were impressed enough with Miss Czajkowski to make her a semi-finalist. The actions by their counterparts in Agawam on June 12th greatly increased her stock. Miss Czajkowski will be interviewing again over there in a matter of days. It is my belief she will be offered that job.

But it's a much better fit in Agawam. Miss Czajkowski has a working knowledge of our school system. She's been a chief architect in upgrading the curriculum. She will need no on-the-job training. She knows where Main Street is.

Moreover, as our superintendent "elect," she would

continue in her current position until Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso retires on August 31, 2002. That allows Miss Czajkowski plenty of running room, well over a year, to lay out a blueprint for the future of our school system.

She comes into this job with community support and with high expectations.

I hear over and over and over that her communication and people skills are outstanding, and from where I sit, Miss Czajkowski has exhibited these qualities on a high level since she arrived in 1996.

The South Hadley job must appear awfully attractive to her. It's more money and much smaller than Agawam. Fewer headaches, too.

But her professional achievements in Agawam, combined with the many relationships she's built in the community, cannot be discounted and that's why I believe, in the end, Agawam will win out.

One last thought - if the Agawam School Committee offers her the job after any and all of the behind-the-scenes intrigue is over, why shouldn't she receive the same amount of money as Ameruso?

In today's job market, that's often the rule of thumb.



Letters To The Editor

Tierney family grateful to AHS staff & the community

To the Editor:

It's been a year now since our Kate was diagnosed with the very rare disease, Churg-Strauss. So many friends and colleagues have supported us throughout this very difficult time. We would like to thank everyone who made a phone call, sent cards, kept us in your prayers, or were just there to listen. You'll never know how much it meant to each of us.

Because of the treatment and their side effects, Kate was not expected to attend school with any consistency. We would especially like to thank the staff at Agawam High School who helped Kate stay abreast of her studies and remain with her class.

To Mr. Cavallo, Mrs. Conte, Mrs. Swenson, Mr. Figy, Mr. Vecchiarelli, Mr. Gage, Miss Hebert, Mrs. Mounemneh, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Kundl, and Mrs. Chase, and to the coaching staff, Mr. Conte, Mrs. Wray-Ramos, Mr. Pryce, Mrs. Brown, and Mr. Parker, THANK YOU so much!

The treatment has ended, the symptoms of the disease are gone, and Kate now begins the task of rebuilding her strength. She truly is a remarkable young lady and we hope and pray the disease will remain in remission.

Again, thank you, everyone, from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Tom, Pat, Kristin, Kara, & Katelyn Tierney
Feeding Hills

AHS cafeteria worker responds to previous article

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article that was written in *The Advertiser* about the school lunch program.

I am a cafeteria worker at the High School. The food service director, Joe Lecuyer, stated he cut the hours because of the seniors leaving. Well, just because 300 seniors left doesn't mean we lost 300 lunches. We probably lost 150 lunches.

Now, there are still the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors that still have to be fed. The hours that were cut are the four- and five-hour girls, not the two- and three-, so basically, we still have the same amount of preparing and cleaning to do.

Also, Mrs. Galarneau, if you and the rest of the School Committee would spend one week at the High School, you will see that we "multi-task" already,

especially when we can't get a sub.

So, in September, come on over! One more thing - when I signed on to be permanent, I had set hours, not "as needed" as was stated by Joe.

So, in closing, I'm probably going to get some "heat" for writing this, but if anyone knows me, too bad!

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Perry
AHS cafeteria worker

Cohen campaign committee thanks community

To the Editor:

Richard A. Cohen, Mayor, along with his committee, would like to thank everyone who attended our kick-off fundraiser in May.

Your personal and financial support that night confirms his commitment to remain Mayor of the City of Agawam.

We look forward to your continued support. We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

Angela Beaudry, Agawam
Committee member

Please continue to fight dormitory in Feeding Hills

To The Editor:

On Thursday evening, June 14th, I attended the ZBA meeting held at the Agawam Middle School, concerning the dormitory being proposed for the Feeding Hills area.

It was rewarding to see a room filled with Agawam residents who are in opposition to the dormitory. It was especially nice to see some City Councilors in attendance. Their appearance was a show of support

for the desired wishes of the residents.

Opposition to the dormitory proposal has moved forward in a positive way since the day it became an issue to the Feeding Hills residents.

The object is to stop the dormitory in Feeding Hills or any other area of Agawam. In order for those who oppose it, to continue to move forward, we as residents must continue to grow in numbers at the meetings. With growth comes strength, with strength our message will be heard loud and clear - NO DORMITORY.

We must continue to make our presence known. For those who support the dormitory, we who oppose it do not plan to go away.

To all who attended the meeting on Thursday, June 14th, your continued show of support is needed at all scheduled meetings. Bring a relative, friend, neighbor, or all of the above. For those who were not able to attend other meetings, it's not too late to get involved. Please join all who support the residents of the Northwest St./Karent Lynn Circle area.

Through dedication, hard work, and persistence, most often issues such as this come to a satisfying conclusion.

Sincerely,
Mary Leahy
Feeding Hills

AHS Class of 2001 advisor praises recent graduates

To the Editor:

To the AHS Class of 2001:

I would like to thank Mr. Frank Meagher for publicizing the facts about the academic accomplishments of Agawam High School's Class of 2001. I would also like to take the opportunity to say a few parting words to this outstanding group of students.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your class advisor for the past four years. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be able to work with you to try and make your years at Agawam High School filled with fond memories. There are so many of you out there who have overcome some tremendous bumps (for some of you, even mountains) on the road to academic success, but you did it.

Some of you simply set goals for yourselves, and you did not quit until those goals were reached. And then there are those of you who were at the top but worked your tails off to stay there. Each and every one of you have made personal strides these past four years that you should be very proud of - I know I'm proud of you.

To Mike, Jenna, Lisa, and Lauren - no one could have asked for a finer group of officers. Your hard work and dedication showed through in the successful activities of this class. They were very lucky to have you at the helm.

It has been quite an experience for me to watch you all grow—some from toddlers, others from lanky freshmen—into the fine young adults you are today. You have all left me with some very fond memories as well, and I will cherish them for a long time.e.

I would like to leave you with this quote I found in an old newspaper clipping: (credit—John H. Rhoades)—

Do more than exist; live. Do more than touch; feel. Do more than look; observe. Do more than read; absorb. Do more than hear; listen; Do more than listen; understand. Do more than think; ponder. Do more than talk; say something.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Mouneimneh

Proud co-advisor to the Class of 2001

Town's handling of dormitory should be cause for concern

To the Editor:

The proposal to build a dormitory and maintenance building for seasonal farm employees by C&E

Please remember to patronize your local businesses ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

Tobacco of Southwick, would afford an opportunity to a business from outside our town to establish a very nice headquarters of operation for itself right in the middle of our peaceful Feeding Hills neighborhood.

The town would gain very little benefit from the operation and residents only stand to gain a multitude of headaches and drastic changes to their lifestyle.

That it would be a detriment to the entire city (by setting such a precedent) and to our residents should have been a "no brainer" from day one. It disturbs us that although the Mayor and Planning Board are taking another look at the proposal now, this happens only after the citizens went to great lengths to hire an attorney and circulate petitions against it. If not for these efforts, the town would have just let this happen to itself.

The City Council listened to our pleas and was of much help very early on to get the ball rolling against this plan, as was Mr. Joseph Conte, who has lent us his expertise on this matter. Thanks to all of them.

The way in which the City Hall initially handled the proposal should, however, be cause for concern.

Doug & Ginny Cesan

Feeding Hills

We shouldn't be exposed daily to entire tobacco company

To the Editor:

I have lived in Karen Lynn Circle for 24 years. I am opposed to the constructions of a dormitory to house more than 25 people and a farm equipment building to garage and maintain **all the machinery** for C & E Tobacco farms.

The farm that exists in Feeding Hills next to my neighborhood needs **under 10 workers** to plant, maintain, and harvest that tobacco crop.

It is unreasonable to expect any neighborhood to be exposed **daily** to the **entire C & E Tobacco industry**.

Sincerely,

Judith M. Mangiaratti

Feeding Hills

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BUDGET - from Page 1

Magovern also questioned an item he found absent from the budget - the Department of Public Works (DPW) garage.

According to Cohen, plans for the DPW garage and the Senior Center are both in the works, but Cohen would not discuss them.

"They're much further along than you could imagine," he said.

Councilors George Bitzas and Richard Morassi were absent and Councilor Young was the sole vote against accepting the budget.

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Kids happy about new skatepark



THIS GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS are holding a sign at the town's new skatepark at Shea's Field thanking Mayor Richard A. Cohen for keeping his campaign promise. From left: Sam Einzig, James Houle, Keith Wetmore, Alex Einzig, Danny Houle (behind) and Michael Stempel.

Rep. Keenan schedules office hours at Sr. Ctr.

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has scheduled office hours at the Agawam Senior Center on Wednesday, June 27th from 10:30-11:45 a.m., and welcomes all constituents to attend to convey their comments on issues facing the district and the state.

Representative Keenan is also available to speak and meet with constituents at his district office located at 375 Walnut St. Ext. in Agawam, 786-4545.

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CITY OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 2, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the application for one (1) sign to be located at the corner of Springfield and Walnut Street, Agawam, MA in accordance with Sec. 180-83, Paragraph B, of the zoning by-laws as submitted by Carpenters Local 108 and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters.

LEGAL NOTICE

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Veterans' Corner...

The facts about health care and prescriptions

by Ed Kellogg, Veterans' Agent
786-0400, ext. 236/237

It seems like the issues of the times are health care and prescriptions. I'll do my best to explain how these two areas can be obtained from the veterans' side of the house.

You, as a veteran, have two different ways to go to obtain these benefits. One side is the VA (the federal side of the house), and the other is the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke (the state side of the house).

To make the system work for you, I would recommend you sign up for both of them. Signing up will only cost you your time. In order to sign up, you will need your Separation Papers/DD-214 for both places.

Now, once you have signed up, you will receive an ID. The VA identification will work in any VA clinic or hospital in the country. The ID for the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke will only work there!

At the Soldiers' Home, you should make an appointment to see a doctor. Set yourself up for a FREE annual physical. There is a large list of specialty clinics you can use as well.

Another big question...dental. Well, there is a dental service there at the Soldiers' Home where you can make appointments. Keep in mind, it might take some time, but they will do their best to assist you in some dental needs. FREE cleanings, fillings, and minor extractions.

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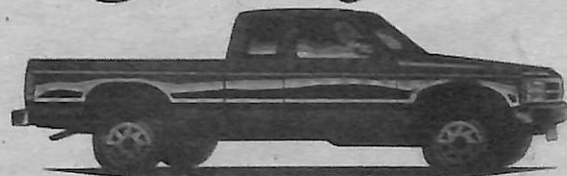


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Councilor Joseph Mineo announces candidacy for reelection

Incumbent City Councilor Joseph Mineo announced his candidacy for reelection at a recent fundraiser attended by 150 supporters, said Mineo's campaign manager Gaetano DeNardo.

"Councilor Mineo has expressed his desire to serve another term as an advocate for all the residents of Agawam," DeNardo said.

Among Mineo's goals for his first term in office and as chairperson of the Street Acceptance committee, was to have all the unapproved streets of Agawam accepted. Many property owners were unaware of the personal liability they were exposed to because their streets had not been officially accepted by the town, some as long as 25 years or more.

Councilor Mineo was able to propose and have the City Council accept 162 of 164 formerly unaccepted streets. By accepting these streets, the town is eligible to receive up to an additional \$50,000 from the state to help maintain all the streets of Agawam.

Mineo has worked toward eliminating the septic tank problem most homeowners in Feeding Hills are experiencing by holding fact-finding meetings with state and federal officials to discuss the possibility of extending sewer service to Feeding Hills residents.

"I know the problem first-hand," said Councilor Mineo. "The cost is prohibitive. I spent \$10,000 to install a new septic system in my home last year. These are dollars most homeowners can't afford to spend. I'm committed to work toward solving this problem."

Mineo, with Mayor Cohen, has met with representatives of Tighe and Bond, Inc. to create a new master plan for the town, which includes extended sewer service to Feeding Hills.

Councilor Mineo has worked very hard representing the residents of Agawam. He has yet to miss a council meeting and has worked closely with Agawam's residents. "I listen to my constituents and base my vote on their input, not political expediency," said Mineo. Most recently, Councilor Mineo has reintroduced the property tax collection issue on delin-

quent taxes outstanding to the town. "The current process is not working and is unsatisfactory," he said. Councilor Mineo is determined to find an equitable and expedient solution to this issue.

Councilor Mineo has taken a positive stance on education. He has supported the High School library expansion project and worked with staff at the public library to determine all the facts about the expansion before rendering a decision on expending money. "We need to do a thorough job of research when spending the taxpayer's money. It takes hard work and time to research all the material necessary to make an informative decision," he said. Councilor Mineo feels that, "We can't do enough for our children's education and for our retired citizens, many of whom use the public library daily."

Councilor Mineo looks forward to meeting the public and can be reached at the following number to discuss any concerns you may have. You may call him at 786-2362.

Jazz guitarist Josh Stamper to perform at McLane fundraiser

Songwriter and jazz artist Josh Stamper will be performing at the fundraiser for Lowell McLane on Tuesday, June 26th.

Stamper, who has written, recorded, and performed various types of music, is excited to be a part of this event.

Lowell McLane, a candidate for Agawam Town Council, invites everyone to join him and friends of the community at this campaign kickoff.

Fish and chips under the tent will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at JR's Fishhouse, 351 Main Street, Agawam.

Tickets (\$15 per person) can be secured in advance by mailing to "Committee to Elect Lowell McLane" at 85 Red Fox Drive, Feeding Hills, calling 789-6311, or e-mailing McLane4Council@aol.com.

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- Agawam Obituaries -

CHARLES E. BENOIT

Charles E. Benoit of 60 Birch Hill Road, Agawam, an area executive and town official, died recently at home.

He was the general manager of manufacturing operations at Strathmore Paper Co. He was superintendent of the Woronoco Mills, and retired in 1978 after 40 years with Strathmore.

He served on the Russell School Committee, and was a corporator of Westfield Bank.

He graduated from Agawam High School, and from Northeastern University in 1940. While at Agawam High School, he played on the untied, unscored-upon football team captained by Creighton W. Abrams, who later was a World War II Battle of the Bulge hero, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, and Army Chief of Staff.

He leaves his wife, the former Carolyn Goodes; three sons, Dr. Charles of Shanghai, China, Richard of Southwick, and Dr. Edward of Concord, New Hampshire; a daughter, Jane Kopriva of Madison, CT; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral and burial were private and at the convenience of the family. Firtion-Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, and there were no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

GEORGE A. BRUSO

George S. Brusio, 94, of 123 South Street, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a yard conductor for the former New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads for 35 years, and retired in 1970.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in Agawam for 41

years and was a 1924 graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the West Springfield Knights of Columbus.

A veteran of the Coast Guard, he was stationed in New London, CT, and Nantucket to prevent rum-runners from coming ashore during the Prohibition era (1920-33).

He leaves his wife of 63 years, the former Helen M. Paolino; two sons, Albert J. of West Springfield and Donald J. of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

MAX T. GAJ

Max T. Gaj, 78, of 711 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a retired experimental machinist for Ken Mar in Agawam and retired in 1984. Previously, he worked for the former Associated Engineers and Berkshire Tool.

He owned and operated Bob's Apple Stand for more than 20 years.

Born in Poland, he lived in Feeding Hills for 60 years.

He was a member of the Polish-American Club and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Jane V. Klich; two sons, Max T. Jr. of Monson and Robert J. of Blandford; and two sisters, Mary Soderman of Agawam and Maxine Sasur of the Three Rivers section of Palmer.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial with military honors in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

HELEN HOLOCHUCK

Helen (Ladizki) Holochuck, 75, of Agawam and formerly of Springfield, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a secretary for human service agencies in the Springfield area for many years.

Born and schooled in Ludlow, she was a communicant of Sts. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church in Springfield, a member of its Women's Guild, and a church school teacher.

She also was a Golden Ager.

Her husband, Yachim Holochuck, died in 1968.

She leaves a son, Stephen of Brighton.

The funeral was held at Springfield Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

MARY T. SODEN

Mary T. (Sullivan) Soden, 85, of 103 Fairview Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a sales clerk at the former Albert Steiger and Forbes & Wallace department stores in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Commerce High School.

She had lived in Agawam for 50 years, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

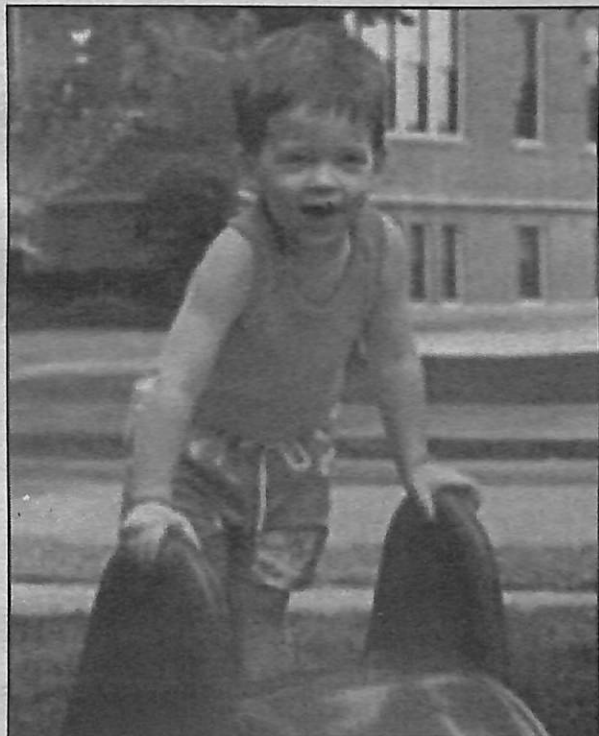
She leaves her husband of 60 years, Frederick E. Soden; two sons, Frederick M. of Agawam and Barry W. of Chicopee; two sisters, Elizabeth Stein of Ellington, CT, and Theresa Goguen of Agawam; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Pioneer Valley and the Visiting Nurse Association, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

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POW-MIA Vigil planned for June 23rd

DAV Commander Frank Mazzei is sponsoring a POW-MIA Vigil at Agawam's World War I Monument in front of the American Legion Home in Feeding Hills on Saturday, June 23rd.

The vigil is held to make the public aware of the fact that we still have veterans from all wars and actions that are unaccounted for, and we need an accounting in order to have a closure.

The vigil will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp, with the Connecticut Rolling Flags, Inc., a group that runs from one vigil to the next escorting POW-MIA runners. These runners carry the POW-MIA flag throughout the state of Connecticut to make the public aware of this program. The runners, escorted by the Agawam Police motorcycles and followed by Connecticut Rolling Flags all dressed, will depart from the Agawam Town Hall at 7:40 a.m. and run over a mile with the flags to the WWI Monument.

The event will also feature tiger cages made of bamboo. In each cage will sit a symbolic prisoner, for an hour at a time, representing a POW-MIA from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

After the hour is over, everyone comes forward and welcomes each prisoner home. Then they form a "remembrance" ring around the cage and the songs "The Forgotten Man" and "Good Night Saigon" that will be played during the cage changes. A ribbon of honor is pinned on the prisoner's chest after he gets out of the cage, with the veteran's name and information on it, that they served their time for.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the vigil at any part of the day as it goes from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. There will be vendors selling pins, flags, etc. as well as literature concerning POW-MIA's that can be picked up. Mary L. Jenewin-Caplin, Director, Office of the Governor - Western Region, will be presenting a proclamation on behalf of Governor Jane Swift, along with Mayor Richard Cohen, who will be presenting a proclamation from the Town of Agawam.

For more information, please call Frank Mazzei at 413-786-6713.

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Melconian protects hospitals, passes 2002 Senate budget

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce the Senate passage recently of the \$22.87 billion fiscal year 2002 budget that contains \$226 million in relief for the Commonwealth's hospitals.

"The Senate recognizes the crisis that is looming in our hospitals. Even with an economic slowdown, this year's budget would provide significant relief for our local hospitals and hospitals across the state," said Melconian.

Local hospitals will receive more than \$14.1 million in relief under the Senate legislation. Baystate Medical Center will receive approximately \$10.2 million, Mercy Hospital will gain \$2.8 million, and Holyoke Hospital will receive \$1.2 million. Each hospital will also be eligible for money from a relief fund created under the legislation.

"While Baystate, Mercy, and Holyoke hospitals have provided outstanding patient care to our area, each one has experienced serious reimbursement shortfalls," said Melconian. "These payments are a start toward renewed financial health."

Hospitals will receive three types of relief. Thirty-five million in relief will come in the form of direct increases in the amount the state pays for medical programs, chiefly to low income and disabled individuals. Twenty million will be in the form of a fund set up to provide grants to hospitals suffering significant financial hardship. Mercy Hospital received \$1.4 million from a similar fund earlier this year. The majority of the relief, \$181 million, comes in the form of increased payments to the "Free Care Pool," a fund which pays for free emergency room care.

Massachusetts hospitals have suffered significant financial hardships over the last several years. Two-thirds of hospitals currently have a negative operating margin and none of the three major sources of hospital income, Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance, pays the full cost of hospital care.

"Our hospitals are the crown jewel of one of the best health care systems in the world. They are vital to our health and our standard of living. The financial stability of our hospitals is critical if we are to continue our recent efforts to expand health care to every citizen of the Commonwealth," concluded Melconian.

Republican Town Committee to host June 24th picnic at V.F.W.

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will host its first annual picnic on Sunday afternoon, June 24th at the V.F.W. Pavilion at 194 South St. in Agawam from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The cookout will include hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, coffee, punch and dessert. There will

also be games of volleyball or horseshoes available.

Tickets for this event are \$10 per person and can be purchased from members of the committee or by contacting Mark McCormick at 786-9495 or by mail: Agawam Republican Town Committee, P.O. Box 635, Agawam, MA 01001.

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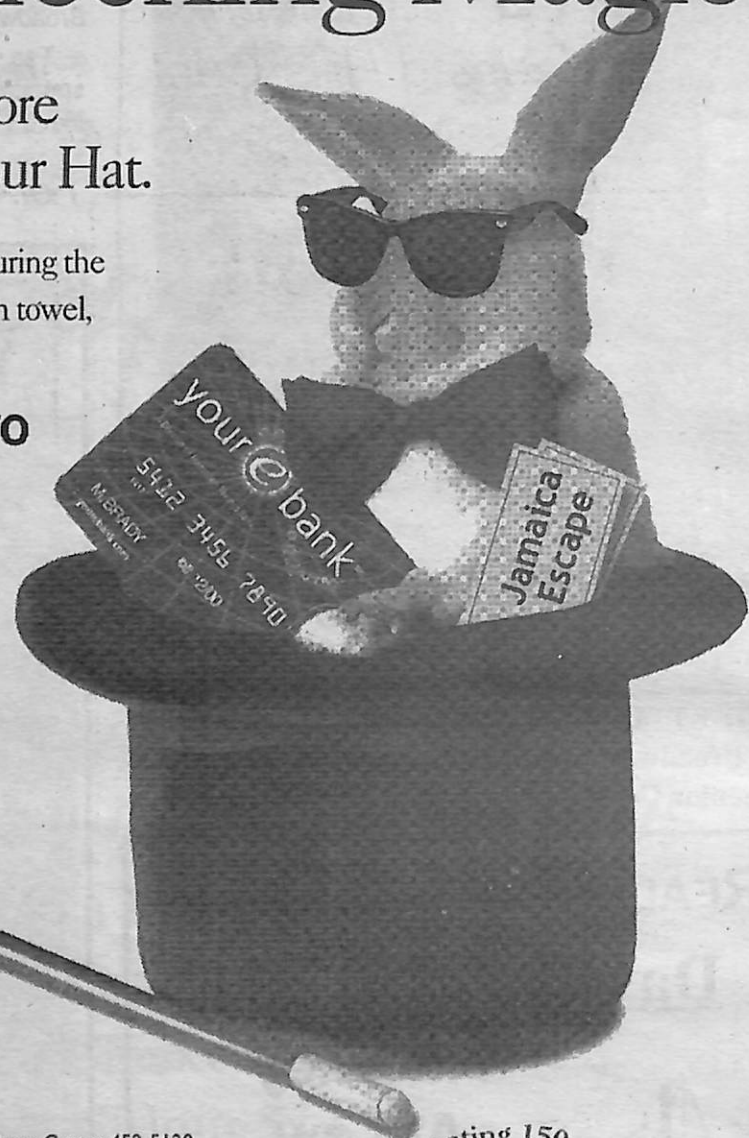
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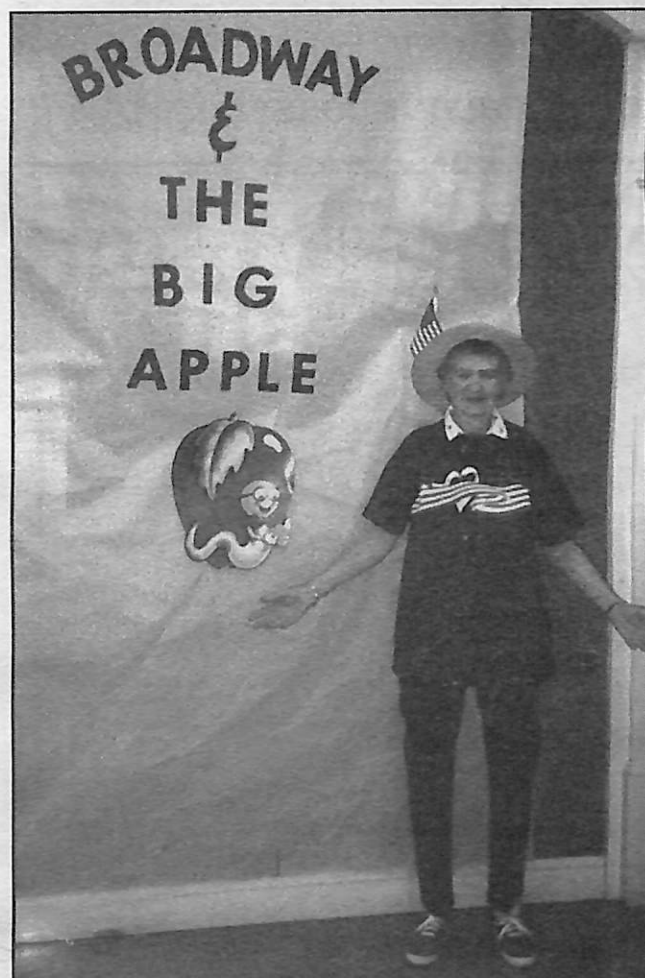
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Families



JOAN LINNEHAN, activity director at the Agawam Senior Center, entertains the crowd at the Annual Spring Variety Show.



GERT DUVALL poses next to the sign "Broadway & The Big Apple" at the Agawam Senior Center's Annual Spring Variety Show.



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER LINE DANCERS with their instructor, Nancy Alty, at the Annual Spring Variety Show, "Broadway & the Big Apple."

Agawam Senior Center presents Annual Spring Variety Show

On Thursday, May 31st, the Agawam Senior Center presented its annual Spring Variety Show, "Broadway & The Big Apple."

The annual event showcases the senior dancers, singers, and entertainers.

Thanks to our Line Dance instructor, Nancy Alty, our show opened up with the kick line from "New York, New York" and later had the show-stopping number, "Hello Dolly." Under the great direction of Darcy Davis, the Memory Lane Chorus sang such Broadway favorites as "No Business Like Show Business" from *Annie Get Your Gun* and "Give My Regards to Broadway."

The tappers, taught by Cindy Williams, put on a spectacular dance from *Damn Yankees*, "You Gotta Have Heart," and the jazz number from *Fosse*, "Bye,

Bye Blackbird" decked in hats and feathers.

Special solos included Paul Brusseau on fiddle with "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Edleweiss," "Memories" from *Cats* by Evelyn O'Melia, and the Agawam Lion, Denny Buel, eating a Yankees' hat and wearing a "Go Red Sox" sign!

Dan Kane singer Lily Peloquin sang "Can't Help Lovin' that Man of Mine" and Inez Daniels sang "Bewitched."

As usual, the show was full of antics and surprises, such as Gert Duvall and Ukele Lady and Rich Mundo the New York boy M.C., and even the Phantom of the Opera appeared.

The Christmas show is being planned for December.

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At 84, Al Tonelli cooks benefit supper to aid grandson

At 84, Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of Tonelli's Little River Inn, is still cooking for a crowd from a wheelchair. He, along with family, friends, and church members, will be serving his famous chicken and spaghetti supper to benefit his grandson, Johathan Tonelli-Raylove, who was a victim of a near-drowning accident in 1995.

The supper will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield on Saturday, June 30th.

Jonathan, grandson of Al and Pearl Tonelli, continues to require 24-hour care. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna in West Barnstable on Cape Cod. Since they now live closer, the family, with Jon, hopes to attend the supper.

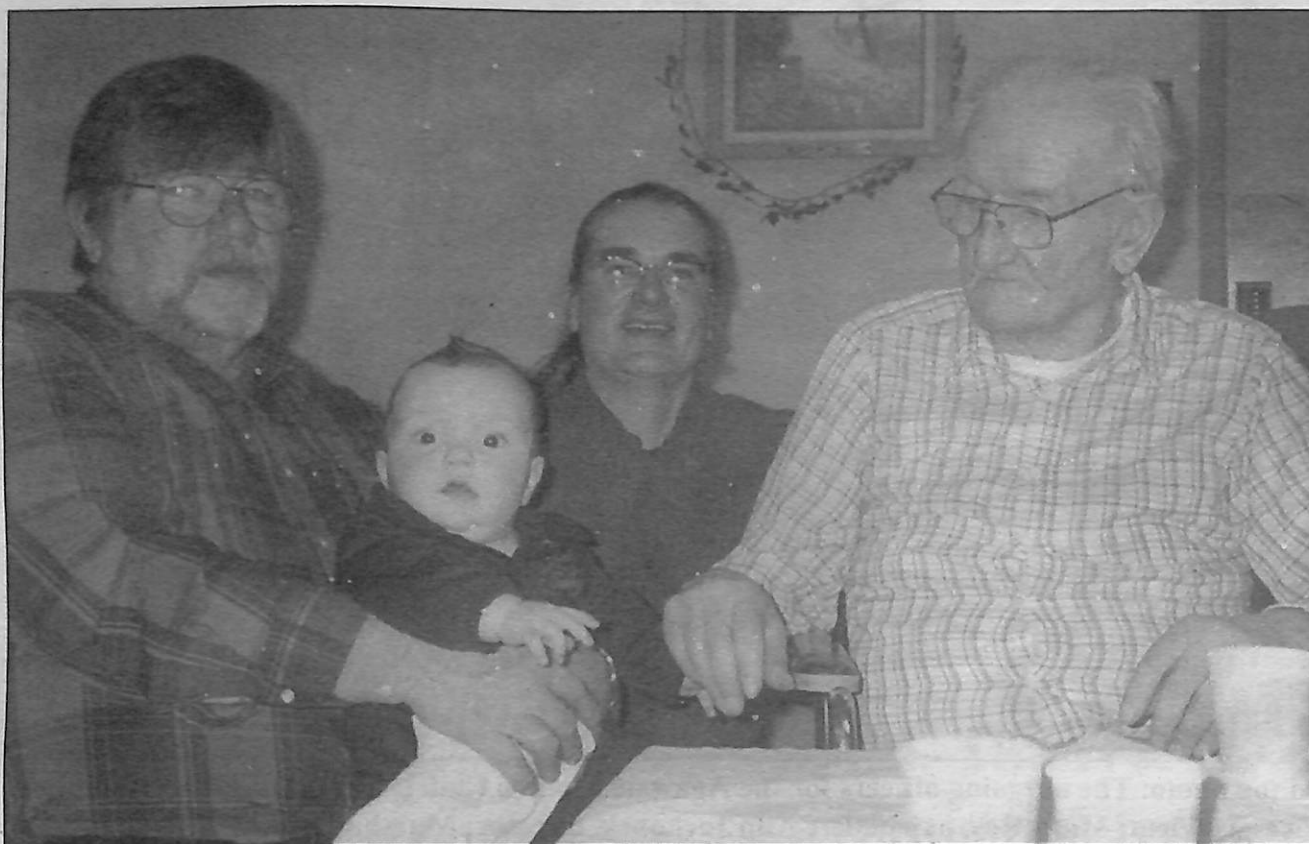
Grace Lutheran Church is hosting two seatings for the meal, one at 5:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the event can be obtained through Lisa (Tonelli) Gentile at 788-9541 or through Al and Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473. The cost is \$7 for adults and @\$3 for children. Desserts will be made by the generous folks at Grace Lutheran Church.

Greater Spfld. Area Greens to meet

The Greater Springfield Area Greens meet the second and fourth Friday of every month to support action for grass roots democracy, local economic issues, universal health care, and more.

For more information, please call Petra at 413-786-0897.

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AT THE RECENT 80TH BIRTHDAY of Russell P. (Rusty) Stetson, Sr. of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, four generations got together to celebrate. The surprise guest of the evening was Rusty's great-grandson, Rusty P. Stetson IV, son of Mary & Russell P. Stetson of Granville, MA. Rusty was married to the late Stella (Bednarz) Stetson for 57 years, and he lived in Agawam and Feeding Hills for his entire life before retiring to the Soldiers' Home. Rusty has three children: Carol Pignatare of Agawam, Russell P. Stetson, Jr. of Feeding Hills, and Judith Korbel of Ludlow; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Agawam Lioness names new officers...



In top photo: The outgoing officers for the Agawam Lioness Club (from left) - Alice Olson, first vice-president; Mary Roy, hairpuller; Ann Jackobek, director; Marsha Finck, director; and Pat Lalancette, treasurer. In photo below: the new officers of the Agawam Lioness Club (from left) - Paulene Paquette, board member; Lillian Doyle, board member; Kathleen Turnbull, first vice-president; Rosemarie Kieffer, president; Rose Marie Morassi, second vice-president; Beverly Tetreault, treasurer; Eileen Wisniewski, secretary; and Janet Parslow, board member. (Missing from photo - Monique Coman, hairpuller.)



Agawam Summer entertainment series announced

The Agawam Cultural Council and Rotary Club are finishing up the details of this summer's program of free events on Veterans' Green.

The 10-event program will feature professional entertainers from throughout the Northeast as well as some talented local groups. Ten musical groups, two drive-in style movies, and a penny carnival will all be presented during July and August.

Musical groups to be featured include swing band *Eight To The Bar*, which recently finished a week at Disney's *Pleasure Island*. The group is often favorably compared to *The Manhattan Transfer*. Three Boston-based groups will be showcased, including Agawam returnee and ragga specialists *Wildest Dreams* along with newcomers *The Roogaloo Swamis*, who play Louisiana-style zydeco music, and *All About Buford*, a new contemporary a capella group.

Concert booklets will be available at many area stores and restaurants beginning June 15th. The first concert features *The Westfield American Legion Band* and will take place on Tuesday, July 3rd. The full concert schedule is available on the Cultural Council's web site at www.agawamcc.org.

Crafters sought for Women's Auxiliary fair at Polish Club

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club has scheduled a craft fair for October 20th. This event will be held at the Pavilion at 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

Crafters who wish to participate are asked to contact Helen at 786-6050 for information and applications.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you.

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Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Jock of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Kenneth Germain, son of Ms. Alice Germain of Granby and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Germain of Holyoke.

Ms. Jock attended Agawam High School and Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing and is currently working as an Intensive Care registered nurse at Riverside Community Hospital in California.

Mr. Germain attended Chicopee Comprehensive High School and is currently working as a professional race bike technician for Yamaha of Troy Motocross/Supercross Racing in California.

An October 2002 wedding is planned in Agawam.

Friends of Senior Center to sponsor trip to Mohegan sun

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will sponsor a trip to Mohegan Sun on Monday, July 23rd.

The price will be \$16 and will include \$10 meal, \$10 Big Wheel, plus gratuities.

We will leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. and will leave the casino at 4:00 p.m. and arrive home at 5:30 p.m.

This trip is open to the public. For more information, call Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 or the Agawam Senior Center.

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She will bring some live examples of the reptiles she cares for to the event, scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School cafeteria.

The program, sponsored by the Agawam Public Library, is free and open to the public.

Call the library at 789-1550 to register.

Agawam Senior Center's weekly lunch menu

Mon., June 25th: American chop suey, salad, whole wheat bread, peach.

Tues., June 26th: Baked chicken leg, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, pumpernickel bread, lemon pudding.

Wed., June 27th: Pork cutlet with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, cake.

Thurs., June 28th: Minestrone soup, ham and cheese on rye with lettuce & tomato, potato salad, mixed fruit.

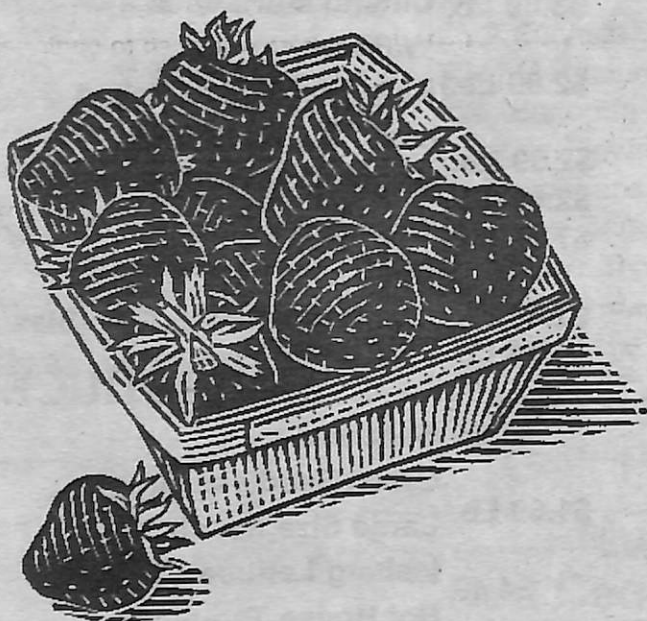
Fri., June 29th: Macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, pineapple.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Spfld. Turnverein gymnastics team plans final dance

The Springfield Turnverein Gymnastics team will be holding its final dance of the year. The dance will be held on Friday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$5 and the dance is mainly for Middle School and Junior High age kids. Soft drinks may be purchased. For more information, call the club at 786-0924 or Jessica at 786-6660. The club is located at 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills.



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Hints for brides

Question: Your salon recently took care of all hair styles and beauty needs of my whole wedding party, parents, and a few out of town guests. We all agree that without your well-trained and experienced staff, we could not have pulled it all together. I think that you should share some of your great hints in your column for the brides out there who may forget a few details.

Answer: Thank you for such a nice compliment! Weddings can take their toll on everyone involved, but with some simple planning and help from your friends and family, all can go smoothly. I always advise our brides to delegate duties. Planning is important, and knowing what you want and where to get it is the first step in setting up your bridal calendar of events. We have brides book our salon the same day they reserve the church and reception hall. We have also had brides call us the day before looking for appointments!

We suggest that you book your hair, nail, and make-up appointments well in advance so that we can make sure your look is complete before the photographer, flowers, and limo arrive. I remind each bride that she will be looking back on her wedding photos for many years. When you pull out that album, you want to think how beautiful you looked and not wonder what you were thinking when you planned your hair and make-up look. Jennifer and Carol are our wedding specialists and have every detail lined up for you to follow to make this part of the planning effortless. We have a full bridal menu that our staff has put together to make sure that all your needs are met.

A recent study shows that 60 percent of couples choose to become married between June and October, with June the most popular month. We are certainly able to testify to that! A few weeks before the wedding, you should have a "Tress-rehearsal." Bring in your headpiece and try on your wedding hairdo. This is the time to make adjustments to the look you want. If something doesn't seem just right, change it

so that you will be comfortable with your choice. Keep in mind that most girls want to remove the long veil after the ceremony.

Tell this to your stylist so she can arrange your hair to accommodate the transformation. Take time to discuss all your concerns with your stylist and make-up artist so that everything runs smoothly on the big day. The girls usually line up your final color or highlight and hair trim a week before the wedding.

Your nails and waxing should be done the day before. Melissa suggests a French or Swiss manicure for a classy look. If you prefer just plain polish, then she suggests staying with a soft sheer shade of pink or pearl white. Don't forget to save time for your pedicure. Melissa can match your toes to your fingers for a finished look. Our brides have been enjoying the paraffin wax treatments for a smooth finished look.

A few last points to consider: waterproof mascara

should be used so you don't end up with dark circles. The color of your lips is important for the best look in pictures. Avoid plain glosses and frosted shades. These do not photograph well.

Choose a peach or a soft brownish red shade if your gown is ivory and if you are wearing white, then berry stained lips work well. A gloss can be added on top of your shade choice to give an innocent sexy look in pictures.

Remember that if you are wearing new shoes, break them in before the big day and carry Band-Aids, just in case. If you forgot to have your diamond cleaned, then soak it in a small amount of ammonia and water, then brush clean with an old toothbrush and rinse in clear water.

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"Fun-raiser" for Anthony Cone slated for July 15th

"You know what? I am the luckiest boy in the world..." These are not exactly the words you'd expect a wheelchair-bound, nine year-old to utter. But this is exactly what nine year-old Anthony Cone, son of Elizabeth & Robbie Cone of Smyrna Street, West Springfield, recently exclaimed. To Anthony, life is good.

Anthony is a student at the Tatham School, and the grandson of Bruce & Nan Cone (formally of Agawam) and the late Rita & Victor Ferrarini, all of West Springfield. Anthony has a sister, Elizabeth, and two brothers, Billy and Theodore. Anthony likes to play Pokemon video games and draws extinct animals.

Anthony also has Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy and has been in a wheelchair for the last two years, but he is able to count his blessings from the view of a child who thinks he is the luckiest boy in the world. He does not have to worry about falling any more; he has his wheel chair. His chair allows him more mobility, and he now can better keep up with the children his own age when running and playing. He has a new brother whom he can hold with assistance from an adult, and has a dog he can take for walks using his wheelchair.

When you look at Anthony, you see a child afflicted with a terrible disease. This disease is very rapidly robbing him of his life ... and it is winning. His family has watched him progress from a young boy running with other children to someone now completely bound to his wheelchair. Each day, the disease takes just a little more of his freedom.

Anthony needs a handicap van and modifications to his home. To help defray the cost of these, Anthony's family and friends are holding a "fun-raiser." The event will be held for Anthony on **Sunday July 15, 2001** starting at 1:00 p.m. at the **West Springfield/Agawam Elks** on Morgan Road in West Springfield.

Dave Madsen will be the honorary chairman, and there will be an auction, raffles, door prizes, food, and games. There will be a bounce house, face painting, clowns, and a fire engine to make this a fun-filled event for the entire family. All proceeds raised by this event will be used solely to purchase a wheelchair van and to renovate Anthony's home to be handicap-accessible.

With your help, we can be sure that Anthony still says, "You know what? I am the luckiest boy in the world!"

If you would like more information you can call: Bruce Cone, (413) 731-5508; Mike Ferrarini, (413) 746-1641; Rose Dillon, (413) 526-0957; or Nancy Anderson, (413) 538-7224.

Event tickets can be purchased at the West Springfield Credit Union in West Springfield Town Hall, 26 Central Street, West Springfield. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age.

Commerce-Tech reunion planned for Nov. 24th

A Commerce and Technical High School 1966 class reunion is scheduled for November 24th. We're looking for you!

For information, call Linda Robichaud-Lak (Commerce) at 413-734-7769 or RoseMarie Murray Disco at 413-786-7529.

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Swk. Historical Soc. to host military prog.

The Southwick Historical Society will host a military reenactment by the 25th Massachusetts Regiment on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 p.m.

The program will be the 250th Anniversary Celebration for the Moore House to be held at the Moore House Museum on College Highway. This will be open to the public with free admission and an ice cream social. This program is sponsored in part by the Southwick Cultural Council, an agency of the Massachusetts Council for the Humanities. We will be traveling to the Springfield's Titanic Museum and Springfield Armory on Tuesday, July 10th.

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Agawam resident named Director of Pharmacy...

Big Y Foods to open 12 pharmacies

Big Y Foods, Inc. is pleased to announce that it is planning to open 12 pharmacies within their supermarkets within the next year. This new venture is the result of over five years' research into this arena. With this expansion, Big Y joins the ranks of other major supermarkets to include pharmacies within their stores as an added convenience for their customers.

Supermarkets across the country have added pharmacies, which have become busier than ever due to the current population shifts. These shifts relate to an aging "baby boomer" generation which requires more prescription drugs in their daily lives. Predictions have estimated that by 2004, today's prescriptions will double in quantity. Big Y's pharmacies hope to make filling prescriptions more convenient for their customers.

In March, Big Y hired Agawam resident Michael Semanie, Jr. to be its Director of Pharmacy. Semanie's experience spans over 25 years in the retail pharmacy business. A registered pharmacist himself, Semanie spent several years with CVS in many roles, including pharmacist, store supervisor, and district manager. He has also been a regional vice president for Family Meds 186-unit drug store chain headquartered in Farmington, CT.

Since early this year, Big Y has been working diligently through the state regulatory processes in order to open their first pharmacy. It is intended that they will accept all of the popular insurance plans so customers will be reassured that payment for their prescriptions will proceed smoothly.

In addition, computer systems are being integrated; wholesale suppliers are being selected; and key personnel are being recruited in anticipation of the first pharmacy opening. Each pharmacy will have at least two pharmacists and several trained pharmacy technicians.

With the planned opening of a dozen pharmacies, the chain estimates that they will be creating at least 40 new jobs within the coming year. Hiring is currently in progress for all of these new jobs.

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In addition, these pharmacies will be a buzz of activity as they strive to educate customers on their own wellness. For example, there will be cholesterol screenings, diabetes screenings, flu shots, blood pressure testers, and even wellness days so that consumers can be informed about their own health. Future plans include customer re-order systems via the company's website.

Service will be at the forefront of all Big Y pharmacies.

Through an ample supply of accessible and knowledgeable trained staff, Big Y intends to make its pharmacies stand out from the rest.

Pharmacy hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Since most medical offices are not open on Sundays, Big Y's pharmacy will be closed on Sunday.

The only American-owned and largest family-owned and operated supermarket in the region, Big Y employs over 7,600 people throughout Central and Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. Founded in 1936 by brothers Paul and Gerald D'Amour, the store was named after an intersection in Chicopee where two roads converge to form a "Y."



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Sasha ZeBryk offers networking seminar

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ZeBryk will also show participants how to recognize the four basic communication styles to help both introverts and extroverts interact more comfortably and effectively in developing a new relationship.

The seminar will be held at the Howard Johnson Conference Center, 1356 Boston Road, Springfield from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The fee is \$75 if postmarked after June 20th.

For additional information and reservations, call 413-821-0086 or e-mail sashaspeaks@aol.com.

Chicopee High class of 1961 planning reunion

The 1961 graduating class of Chicopee High School will hold its 40th class reunion on Saturday, October 6th at the Westover Club, Chicopee.

The committee is updating the mailing list and asks that anyone who knows the whereabouts of any of our classmates to please contact Joan Johnstone Topor at 598-8709 or Dick Whittaker at 786-1426.

Kimberly Graveline becomes bride of Michael Legros

The Four Points Hotel Leominster was the setting for the March 3, 2001 wedding of Kimberly Marie Graveline and Michael John Legros.

The Reverend Nancy Dann performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Dorothy Graveline of Agawam. The groom is the son of Ron and Ellie Legros of Fitchburg.

Grandparents of the bride are Helen Graveline and the late Arthur Graveline of Feeding Hills and the late Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Kennedy of Holyoke. Grandparents of the groom are Ellie Dupuis of Fitchburg and Mr. & Mrs. Victor Legros of Troy, New York.

Natalie Creanza, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jodie Graveline, sister-in-law of the bride, Nicole Boyer and Jennifer Cote, both friends of the bride.

Ronald Legros served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Richard Legros, brother of the groom, Brett Graveline, brother of the bride, and Jared Robb, cousin of the groom.

Kimberly is a graduate of Agawam High School and Fitchburg State College.

She is employed at Newton-Wellesley Hospital as a registered nurse.

Michael is a graduate of Fitchburg High School. He



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL J. LEGROS

is employed as a commercial roofing mechanic at Rockwell Roofing in Leominster, MA.

The couple honeymooned in Washington, D.C. and reside in Fitchburg, MA.

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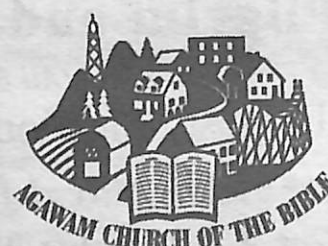
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JAIME PEARSONS (left) and KENDALL HILL completed the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 3rd at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, MA.

Two make confirmation at Valley Community

Valley Community Church, located at 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, announces its pride in the Confirmation on June 3rd of two young women who have studied and prepared for this wonderful sacrament all during this past year.

Kendall Hill of Agawam is a freshman at Agawam High School. She is on the honor roll in her academics, plays saxophone in the band, and participates in field hockey. Kendall is very active in the church, serving as acolyte during the services and helping with the nursery on an as-needed basis. She actively participates in many events in the life of the church.

Jaime Pearsons is in eighth grade at McAlister Middle School in Suffield, CT. Like Kendall, Jaime is a high honors student. She also plays bassoon and flute in her school band, and is a member of the

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Weekly Activities at All Saints Parish

*St. Anthony of Padua Church * St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church*

Thurs., June 21st: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Matthew 6:7-15. Mass offered in Thanksgiving to St. Jude.

Fri., June 22nd: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Daily Bible reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 15:3-7. Mass offered in memory of Edward Costa.

Sat., June 23rd: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Daily Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Luke 2:41-51. Mass offered for the people of All Saints Parish; 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's; Daily Bible reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Peter 1:8-12; Luke 1:5-17. Mass offered in memory of Rose Baevich.

Sun., June 24th: 8:30 a.m., Mass offered in memory of John and Rose Liquori. Daily Bible reading: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80. Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week at St. Anthony's in memory of John Beltrandi. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of Norma Boccasile; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered in memory of Michael Bleau. Sanctuary Candle is lighted this week in memory of Katherine Tyler. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of Charles & Elizabeth Thompson; 12:30

p.m., All Saints 1st Annual Picnic at the Polish American Club (must have ticket to attend).

Mon., June 25th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5. Mass is offered in memory of Gerald Thompson; 6:30 p.m., Finance Commission meets at the Rectory; 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal at St. Anthony's for 8:30 and 11:00 Choirs.

Tues., June 26th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14. Mass offered for the people of All Saints Parish; 6:00 p.m., Adult Bible Study class meets in the Education Building.

Wed., June 27th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's; Daily Bible reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20. Mass offered for the Intention of Sr. Mary Emmanuel Dominguez.

Thursday, June 28th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's; Daily Bible reading: Genesis 16:1-2 (or 6-12), 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29. Mass offered in memory of John Beltrandi.

All Saints Women's Guild to sponsor trip

On July 10th, the Women's Guild of All Saints Parish is sponsoring a trip to Tyringham and the Monastery of the Sisters of the Visitation. The bus will leave the St. Theresa parking lot at 9:00 a.m. At the Monastery, Mass will be celebrated with the cloistered Sisters. Time will be allotted to visit and shop in the gift shop.

Lunch will be served at the Lenox House with a choice of prime rib, chicken almonidine, or Boston scrod. Dessert is included (diabetic dessert available if requested with your reservation).

Next, it's off to Stockbridge and the Marian Shrine at Eden Hill, where we may walk the grounds, shop in the gift shop, or pray the Chaplet of Mercy with the community.

Fed both physically and spiritually, the scheduled return to All Saints is approximately 5:00 p.m.

The total cost of \$40 includes bus, lunch, tax, and gratuity. To reserve your seat, call Jessie Rivers at 786-4051. Space is limited to the number of seats allotted on the bus. Make your reservation early.

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God has great plans for you!

Jesus Christ is one of the most controversial figures in all of human history. For one thing, western civilization sets its calendar by the year of His birth. His Church has had the most significant impact of any religious society the world has ever seen. And yet, for all that, the troubling question Jesus raised with His disciples is still relevant today.

When Jesus was alone praying, His disciples came to Him, and He asked them, "What do people say about Me?" They answered, "Some say that You are John the Baptist or Elijah or a prophet from long ago who has come back to life." Jesus then asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah sent from God." Jesus strictly warned His disciples not to tell anyone about this.

Jesus told His disciples, "The nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. They will reject Him and kill Him, but three days later He will rise to life." Then Jesus said to all the people, "If any of you want to be My followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow Me. If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for Me, you will save it."

In this account, we see Jesus' disciples trying out the "stock" answers. Perhaps they watched Jesus' face closely to see if He responded more favorably to one attribution or another. But none seemed to impress Him. Those same answers still leave Him cold today. He pressed them further; and pushes us, too.

Finally Peter, the boldest of the group, spoke up. "Lay it out straight," he must have thought. No doubt Peter was thrilled to see Jesus' eyes light up when Peter said, *"You are the Messiah sent from God."*

There should be little doubt that Peter, as well as the other disciples, were bewildered by Jesus' command not to say anything about this to others. After all, why wouldn't Jesus want the publicity?

The wisdom behind Jesus' command soon became apparent. The disciples realized they had no idea what the role of the Messiah would be. As well, they had no idea that following Jesus would be so challenging.

On another occasion, Jesus had told an inquirer, *"God loved the people of this world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life and never really die."* Now, with His disciples, He explained what that meant. The long awaited Messiah had indeed come to establish His kingdom. But it wasn't a kingdom like any other kingdom. Many people in Jesus' day were expecting a Messiah to restore Israel to its former glory. God had a bigger and better plan.

Israel was, like many countries, and especially in the Middle East, an ethnic country. It was the Jewish country, situated in a non-Jewish world. For a relatively brief period, Israel was a world power. By Jesus' day, it was reduced to being part of a small province in Rome.

Rather than limit His ambitions to one small country, God determined to make a new Israel. "Israel" means "People of God"; (Ish= people, and El=God). God wanted to turn Israel into a worldwide kingdom to which all people, regardless of description, could belong.

All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised.

As is most often the case, God's got bigger and better ideas than we do. *But it is just as the Scriptures say, "What God has planned for people who love Him, is more than eyes have seen or ears have heard. It has never even entered our minds!"* We would do well to get on board with Him. It won't always be easy, but it will always be worth it.

St. David's to host Vacation Bible School

St. David's Church will be hosting "JESUS TO THE RESCUE," a Vacation Bible School, this summer.

This Bible School will be held August 13th through August 17th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at St. David's, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Cost is \$5 per child or \$12 per family. Registration

forms are available at the church.

For more information about this exciting event, please call the church office at (413) 786-6133.

The church hours at St. David's are Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Announcements from Lighthouse Christian Center in F. Hills

The Lighthouse Christian Center is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The telephone number is 821-0937.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Intercessory Prayer - Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.;
Worship - Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.; Men's Prayer - Friday morning at 6:00 a.m.; Harp & Bowl - Worship and Intercessory Prayer every Saturday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CONNECTIONS

Our next Women's Connections Fellowship will be held on August 13th. The speaker will be Barbara LaChance from the Connecticut House of Prayer.

A Weekly Bible Study started on Wednesday, June 20th, at 9:30 a.m. Participants' study books ("Breaking Free" by Beth Moore) should have been purchased by that date.

ECUMENICAL HEALING SERVICE

This service has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 11th, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church.

WOUNDED HEART

This support group for survivors of sexual abuse will begin in September. For more information, please call the church office at 821-0937.

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Are you seeking Biblically-based, Holy Spirit-led counsel? If so, call 821-0937.

Bethany Church offers clothing to the needy

Bethany Assembly of God, located at Route 57 and Main Street, invites individuals and families who are in need of clothing to visit the church on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Carole and Ron DeMatteo, who manage the free service of community outreach, said the small but busy facility also offers other donated items such as bedding, shoes, toys, and games.

The DeMatteos also said clean clothes of all styles and sizes may be brought to the church during regular hours.

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Mercy And Reward

This is a faithful saying . . . , that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. --1 Timothy 1:15

When the great Puritan preacher Thomas Hooker (1586-1647) was on his deathbed, a friend tried to console him by saying, "Brother Hooker, you are going to receive your reward." "No, no!" he breathed. "I go to receive mercy!"

In sharp contrast, A. W. Tozer recalled the prayer of a man who had the idea that he could earn heaven as a reward for trying to keep the Ten Commandments. It went something like this: "Now, God, I admit I have not kept number 1 and number 3 and number 7 and number 9. But remember, Father, that I have kept all the others."

How foolish! This man failed to see that if he had broken one commandment, he was guilty of breaking them all (Jas. 2:10). His works were earning him condemnation, not salvation.

As the apostle Paul reviewed his 30-plus years of sacrificial service, he saw himself as the "chief" of sinners and totally dependent on God's mercy. Although he undoubtedly anticipated the rewards he would receive, he gloried only in the cross (Gal. 6:14). There Jesus paid the price for sin so that everyone who trusts in Him will receive mercy.

The wonder of God's mercy and grace! Someday I will "go to receive mercy." I hope you will too.--HVL

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me;
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me. --Wesley*

Grace is getting what we do not deserve.
Mercy is not receiving what we do deserve.

The "good news" from First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Agawam is located at 760 Main St., Agawam. Our telephone number is (413) 786-7300, and our e-mail address is FirstBaptistAgawam@aol.com. The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We invite you to come and join us at The First Baptist Church of Agawam on Sunday, June 24th, at 9:30 a.m. for our morning service. Our Guest Minister this Sunday will be Reverend Mary Zimmerman, who has served churches in Illinois, Washington, D.C., Oregon, and Kentucky. She will lead the service. The Scripture Readings will be from John 12 verses 23-28. The Scripture Reading will be followed by Rev. Zimmerman's sermon, which is entitled "Making Music With Three Strings." As always, the beautiful voices of our choir will provide us with joyful music and inspiration. Visitors are always welcome to come and join us for worship in our sanctuary.

Children are invited to attend the worship service with adults. Following the Children's Story, they leave the Sanctuary to attend Children's Church (a fellowship activity for children ages four through the fourth grade) and the younger children are encouraged to go

to the Nursery for crafts, games, and toys. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Visitors are always welcome at our worship services and are encouraged to stay following the service for coffee and conversation in Davis Hall and following this time of fellowship, we offer Sunday School classes for adults and children. The Sunday School classes are for children who are in preschool all the way through and up to adults. An adult Bible Study class led by Marianne Tompkins is offered each Sunday following worship in The Upper Room, which is located above Lockhart Parlor.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 24th The Visiting Committee will be holding a meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, June 26th: There will be a Youth Group Meeting. Please contact the church office for further details.

Wednesday, June 27th: There will be a mid-week prayer time at 7:15 a.m. Please contact the church office for further details.

Thursday, June 28th: Choir Practice will be held.

Calendar from Agawam Congregational

On Sunday, June 24th, at 9:30 a.m., our summer hours begin! Steve Paul will be sharing his faith. There is childcare available during the a.m. service for infants and toddlers.

Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall. Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are also members of the Order of St. Luke and are always available for prayer after the service.

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THIS COMING WEEK...

Monday: Strategic Planning, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.: Men are invited to join the "Men's Prayer Time," which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning. We read from the devotional guide *Upper Room* for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship. This is a great time for men to come together and be strengthened; **7:00 p.m.,** Council.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.: Healing & Prayer Service.

All Saints Parish to host picnic on Sunday, June 24th

All Saints Parish will hold their first annual picnic on Sunday, June 24th from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills.

The picnic is free to All Saints parishioners, and \$5 per guest. Tickets for parishioners and guests are available before and after each Mass at both churches. All planning to attend must have a ticket.

For everyone's enjoyment there will be a D.J., pony rides, a magician, clowns, face painting, bingo, and a raffle.

The menu will consist of hot dogs, hamburgs, chicken sandwich, salad, baked beans, chips, ice cream, watermelon, and snow cones.

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drama club and the gymnastics club. Jaime is very active in the life of the church, serving as acolyte, singing in the Senior Choir, helping with the nursery and children's worship, and participating in many parish life events.

As a service project for the church, the girls constructed a beautiful communion banner which will be displayed each month on Communion Sunday. Valley Community Church's members and friends celebrated the completion of this sacrament with the girls during a fellowship in their honor following the service.

News & notes from Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship will continue at 9:30 a.m. for the summer.

Lector for this week is Debbie Donaldson. Children are invited to attend worship with adults, and they will leave at a designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

On **Saturday, June 30th**, our Lay Leadership/Membership Development Committee will sponsor a pizza party for prospective members. Rev. Donaldson will speak about what it means to be a member of a United Church of Christ congregation.

Please bring any questions you may have and come for a bit of a refresher, as well as a slice of pizza and a bit of fellowship with our newer friends.

On the calendar:

Wed., June 27th: Hampden Association Church and Mission Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., June 28th: Reverend Donaldson at Hampden Association Executive Committee, East Church, Springfield, 4:00 p.m.

Sat., June 30th: Youth Group Car Wash, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; prospective members pizza party, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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Activities at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are you an adult who has not received First Communion? Are you an adult who has not been Confirmed? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Are you a non-Christian who would like to be a Catholic through Baptism?

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, you may be interested in the **R.C.I.A.** program (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**). The **R.C.I.A.** is a process in which you would join with others to learn about the Catholic Faith and to prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about your faith and receiving the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, please call the rectory at 786-8200 and leave your name, address, and phone number for Deacon Jim Martone.

Catechist Formation Course: A significant aspect of our parish is our Religious Education program. If you are thinking of helping us out, there is a great opportunity to join our catechist and the catechists at St. John's Parish in Agawam in a Catechist Formation Course. It runs for five sessions from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall, 833 Main St. on the following dates: **Tues., July 10th; Thurs., July 12th; Thurs., July 19th; Thurs., July 24th; Thurs., July 26th.** If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Patterson at 789-6705.

Weekly Calendar:

Mon., June 18th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary for World Peace - Church

Wed., June 20th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary for World Peace - Church; 5:15 p.m., Weight Watchers - Center; 6:30 p.m., Cub and Webelo Scouts - Center.

Thurs., June 21st: 6:30 p.m., Tiger Scouts - Center; 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts - Center.

Sat., June 23rd: 7:00 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous - Center; 7:15 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous - Center; 8:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous - Center.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday Mass - 8:00 a.m.; Thursday, Eucharistic Prayer Service - 8:00 a.m.

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F.H. Congregational Church takes on a new ministry

Feeding Hills Congregational Church has taken on a new ministry. We are working with Lutheran Social Services of West Springfield to help resettle refugees. Refugees differ from immigrants in that they cannot go home again.

The first two people we helped to resettle were from Sudan, a country that has experienced 18 years of civil war. Much has been heard in recent years of the persecution of Christians in Sudan, but non-Christians also have been victimized by the years of turmoil.

Our congregation rented an apartment near the church property in Feeding Hills Center. We stocked the apartment with furniture and food and gave a warm welcome to its first new inhabitants. El Tigani Mohamed and Magdi Idreez are young men who had escaped Khartoum, made their way to Cairo, and (with United Nations-granted refugee status) began their new lives here in May.

These Arabic-speaking men spent much of their first month in America learning the English language and becoming familiar with American customs. But their first concern was for the parents and siblings they had left behind. At their first opportunity, they relocated once again with friends and relatives in America who helped them to find jobs. Tigani is now in Nashville with a friend from Khartoum, and Magdi is in Miami with a cousin. They each hope to get their families away from their war-torn homeland.

The apartment the church had rented was empty for only a couple of hours when we welcomed a family from Bosnia: Safet, Aida, and their three year-old son, Adi. As Bosnians from an area which is now in Serbian control, they, too, are unable to return home.

But, Safet had been a butcher for 22 years in Bosnia, and he found work here almost immediately. His next hope is to get his Massachusetts driver's license and to get his own car.

At this time, the congregation is bringing him to work in Chicopee and picking him up at the end of each day. Aida had worked in marketing in Sarajevo; for now, she is focusing on learning English and helping their son learn as she learns.

The church has the satisfaction of knowing that we have welcomed the sojourner in our midst, doing for them what we hope we would do for Jesus himself. As he told his friends, when you do something for the least of them, you do it for me. It has been a rewarding experience for all involved.

Events at St. John's Parish

Religious Education News: Now is the time to register for our Rel. Education Programs for grades 1-11, 2001-2002. **Forms are now available at the Parish Center. Early registration is appreciated.**

Bible Camp: St. John's Summer Bible Camp will be **July 9th-13th** for children ages 4 through 8. Teachers and helpers are still needed. Fee \$12 per child with **family max. \$30.**

Sunday to Sunday. We will continue this program here at Saint John's for all who would like to deepen their awareness of the Sunday readings ahead of time. **Two Weekly Sessions:** Thurs. evenings, 7:00 p.m.; Friday mornings, 9:10 a.m.

Over-60 Club: The Saratoga Performing Arts Center will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Thursday, July 12th. Dining will be at the Longfellow Inn. Cost, \$60. Call Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

St. John's Building & Grounds Committee: We are blessed at St. John's among other things with a very conscientious group who meet regularly, to ascertain what needs to be done to keep our buildings and grounds in good shape. Kevin Hourihan is the chairman of this group and would be happy to welcome anyone who might be available to assist. Help can always be used in the planning stages of projects and/or the physical work of carrying out some of the projects. Interested? Call Emile at the Parish office - 786-8105.

News from Faith Bible Church

On **Saturday, June 23rd**, we will be holding our Second Annual **Teen Dog and Car Wash** from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the church on Shoemaker Lane.

On **Sunday, June 24th**, our morning service will be held at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. because of our trip to the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

We will be holding a New Member Induction and a Baptism on **July 22nd**.

Watch for more information on the Creative and Ballet Classes to begin in August. Registration will be held at the church on **July 26th** at 6:00 p.m. for children five through nine years of age.

On Saturday afternoons, we will be continuing our visits to the Heritage Hall assisted living center. The seniors enjoy the time spent there as much as our group that visits.

Sign language is provided on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 a.m. service for the hearing-impaired.

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Spotlight on Business

Hampden Savings Bank helps West Side "Big Dogs" with bite

With summer almost in full swing, Hampden Savings Bank is assisting the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club "Big Dogs" in sending neighborhood children to summer camp.

Alumni of the Club, known as the "Big Dogs" (after the former West Springfield terrier mascot), raise money each year for a variety of club projects. This year's summer project is a camp for local children, which will be run at the Boys and Girls Club and will include activities taking place in a local playground.

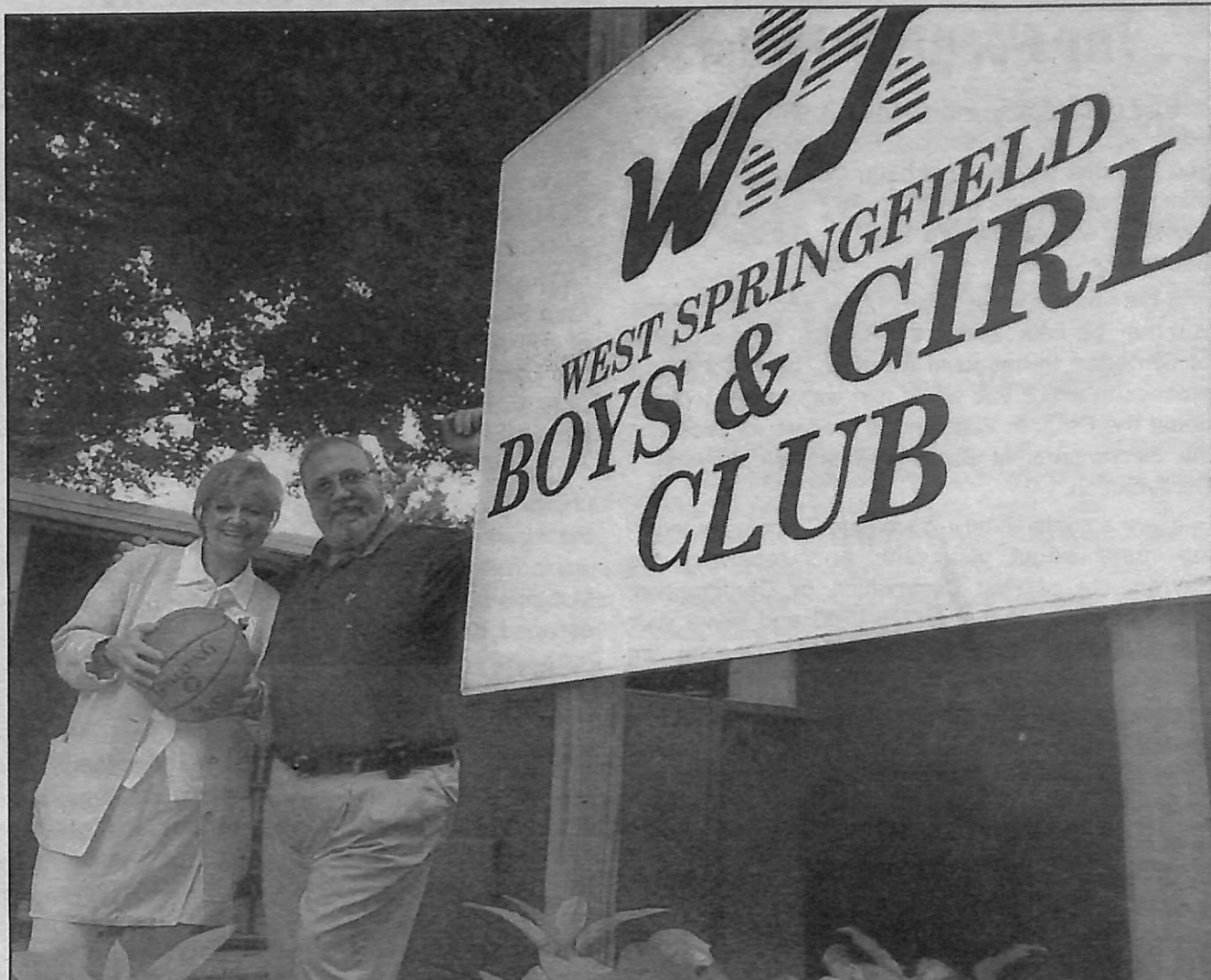
According to Sarah Mancinelli, assistant vice principal and manager of Hampden Savings Bank's West Springfield office, the bank will sponsor 10 campers with its donation of \$500.

"The West Springfield Boys and Girls Club does such a wonderful job with children," noted Mancinelli. "We felt it was important to pitch in and support their work."

Costco staff manager and real "Big Dog" John Murphy put the bite on Hampden Savings Bank, and he was pleased when the bank agreed to sponsor 10 campers for a week session.

"We are trying to help those children who may fall through the cracks," stated Murphy, who also serves on the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club's Board of Directors.

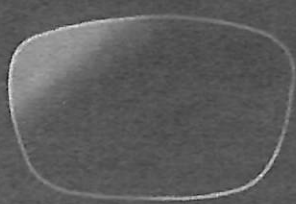
He continued, "Each year, we work with the police, teachers, civic, and community organizations to identify children who might benefit from participation in a structured summer program. The Camp provides educational opportunities, exciting trips, and everyday sports and recreational events. It is a memory that will last a lifetime for these children and will certainly change a few lives along the way."



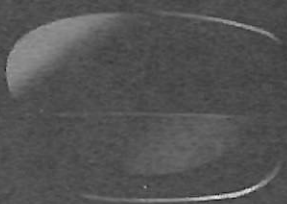
HAMPDEN SAVINGS BANK is helping children at the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club to attend summer camp. Posing outside the main sign at the Boys and Girls Club are Sarah Mancinelli, assistant vice principal and branch manager of the bank's West Side branch; and John "Big Dog" Murphy, manager of Costco, who was delighted that Hampden Savings came through for the children.

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Motor vehicle negligence Collision with pedestrian

At the time of the accident, the plaintiff was an 89-year-old widower who lived alone. He was a licensed driver and owned a motor vehicle. He was in reasonably good health and received the assistance of a home health aide once a day.

The plaintiff drove his vehicle to a shopping plaza to do some errands. As he crossed the parking lot in a crosswalk, he was struck by a slow-moving vehicle and knocked to the ground. He was taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

The following day, the plaintiff underwent hip replacement surgery. He was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital for three weeks and spent an additional week in a nursing home.

Upon the plaintiff's return home, he received six weeks of physical therapy and occupational therapy. He continues to receive increased care from home health aides.

It was medically determined, by his physician, that the plaintiff was totally disabled for eight weeks and that he continues to be partially disabled. He suffers from 50 percent permanent impairment of his lower right extremity, which translates to a 20 percent impairment of the whole person.

The defendant told police and witnesses at the scene that he could not see the plaintiff because he was blinded by the sun. The defense also argued, based upon its review of medical records, that the plaintiff's vision was impaired and that he did not see the defendant's vehicle.

The plaintiff had a video deposition taken to preserve his testimony.

The case was settled for \$200,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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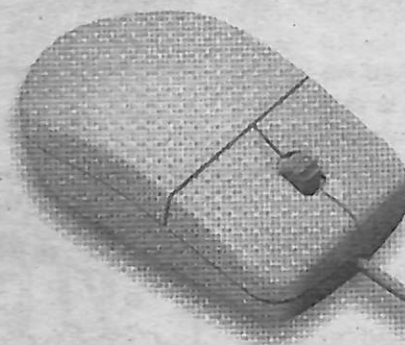


LOREN FORASTIERE (center) recently made a donation on behalf of Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home on Main Street, Agawam, for the town's new Skateboard Park at Shea's Field. Accepting the donation are Mayor Richard A. Cohen (left) and Parks & Recreation Director Christopher Sparks. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Guidelines for appearing in the courtroom...

Q. My uncontested divorce hearing will occur this month in Hampden County Probate Court. I have never been to court before. What do I wear? How do I act in court? What do I say to the judge?

A. The answers to your questions are contained in a pre-printed blue document, "Guidelines for Appearing in the Courtroom," which is made available to the public at the front counter of the Clerk's Office. These "Guidelines" were authored by Attorney Amy Yanni, the initial Hampden County Family Law Facilitator, under a pilot project funded by the legislature.

The Family Law Facilitator Project has been well received by the legal community. The interests of the public would be well-served with the continued appropriate funding by the legislature to permanently maintain this position at the Hampden County Probate Court.

GUIDELINES FOR APPEARING IN THE COURTROOM

1. It is a good idea to **dress in a way that shows you respect the formality of the court.** Halters, worn-out dungarees, old tee-shirts, and date/party clothes are not the best choices. You should remove your hat before going into the courtroom. Don't chew gum or eat candy/other food.

2. **Always stand when the judge leaves or enters the courtroom.** The court officer will tell you when to sit and stand, but if you are in doubt, stand when the judge is standing. It is usually okay to sit down once the judge is seated, unless you are speaking with the judge.

3. **When the judge talks to you, you should stand and then speak. Remain standing as long as you and the judge are talking.** You may need to stay standing even if the judge talks to the person on the other side of your case. If you are in doubt, ask the judge if you may be seated when you finish talking.

4. **The judge will let you know when he or she wants you to speak.** The courtroom is definitely a place where you should speak only when you are spoken to, and even then, you must be careful. For example, **you should not get into an argument or even a discussion with the other side in front of the judge.** Court procedures require that people speak to the judge, or answer formal questions of the other side if the judge allows what is called "examination of the witnesses." Otherwise, you need the judge's permission to speak with someone else.

5. **Speak clearly.** You need to talk and not just nod or shake your head because court proceedings are tape-recorded for the record. Try and listen carefully to the questions you are asked. Answer the question by trying to be direct and to the point.

6. **Always address the judge as "Your Honor"** when you are in the courtroom. The judge is in control of the courtroom and will be making important decisions about you and your children. Be respectful and understand that the judge usually likes to keep the proceedings as formal as possible. This helps keep the process fair to everyone.

7. Once the judge ends the hearing, it is important to say, **"Thank you, Your Honor,"** as you get ready to step away from the table and leave the courtroom.

8. Do not talk on your way out, or even right outside the door. Many times, another hearing starts as soon as yours ends, and your talking can interfere with the next case.

9. **Be on time for court!**

10. **Do not bring your children into the courtroom.** Ask about (free) court-sponsored day care for days when you have court hearings, if you need help.

WNEC names Michael A. Serafino to Board of Trustees

Michael A. Serafino of Feeding Hills has been named to the Board of Trustees at Western New England College.

Dr. Anthony Caprio, president of Western New England College, announced the appointment, which the Board of Trustees approved during its June meeting.

Serafino, who will be filling a three-year term, is the Vice President of Investments at PaineWebber, Inc., and has been involved in the investment industry for 20 years. His involvement in the Springfield community is extensive.

He has been a board member and past chairman of Behavioral Health Networks in Springfield, and a corporator of Hampden Savings Bank. He is past president of the Western New England College Alumni Association and served as Alumni Trustee on

the Board from 1994 to 1996.

Serafino and his wife, Patricia, graduated from Western New England College in 1977. They reside with their three children in Feeding Hills.

Serafino joins three other new members of the Board: Elizabeth Hancock Sillin of Sunderland; Honorable Daniel J. Swords of East Longmeadow; and Andrew S. Woodland of Florence.

Western New England College is a private, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1919. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, the College serves 5,000 students on its main campus and at 18 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

You can't win the game watching from the sidelines. The rewards go to those who take risks. You can lead a productive life without taking many risks. But you will have to take risks to get where you really want to be. "Remember, you have to be in the game to win."

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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at RaymondRose@aol.com.

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Wait until the time is right. Set your sights on what you want. Move forward, step by step, to achieve it. Never take your focus off what you want - and never settle for less. Remember, *"The trouble with being a good sport is you have to lose to prove it."*

Don't follow the crowd. Your best chance is to go where other people aren't. Businesses that seem trendy now are often too crowded. True success comes from finding lasting value in businesses that are temporarily out of favor.

Have the strength of your own convictions. Tune out all the people who say you can't do it. With any major decision, there will be more people telling you it can't work than telling you it can. If you've done your research - and if you are confident in your instincts - move forward.



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Summer is just beginning, and this means we should all run out and start working on our tans, right? Wrong!

At one time, possessing a dark, golden tan indicated status (we must have just returned from the French Riviera), youth, and good health. I remember, as a teen, slathering on baby oil mixed with iodine (for some unknown reason), and then baking in the sun for hours. "Baking" was certainly the word for it!

So far, I have lucked out. No big-time skin problems, yet. I must confess, however, I still sit out in the sun once or twice each summer just for the sheer joy of experiencing the warmth of the sun's rays on my skin. I think, at heart, we are all children of the sun.

So, how can we enjoy the sun and protect our skin ... naturally? First, let's talk about the rays. Ultraviolet light is made up of three types of rays: UVC, UVB, and UVA. Fortunately for us, UVC rays are absorbed by the atmosphere before reaching us. The ones we must worry about are the UVA and UVBs.

The risk of developing skin cancer is extremely high. In the year 2000, one in 75 people developed skin cancer. Another startling statistic is that one-third of all cancers are skin-related.

SPF, or sunscreen factor, indicates how long a particular product will offer protection from the sun. The higher SPF, the more protection you will get. A high SPF does not mean, however, you can stay in the midday sun indefinitely!

Also, read your ingredient label. You will want to choose a sunblock with natural ingredients. If you notice hard to pronounce ingredients on the label, check them out. Some may be plant-based and okay to use, while others may be potential cancer-causing chemicals.

I recommend ANY sun product by Aubrey Organics. They are fully organic with NO harmful or synthetic ingredients. Jason and Zia also make good sun protection products, although they are not as natural as Aubrey Organics.

Most importantly, please use a natural, high SPF sunblock on your kids and apply it often. They don't have the ability to detoxify themselves of harmful synthetic chemicals found in the commercial sun products.

My best advice? Buy the best-looking hat you can find, a cool T-shirt, a natural sunblock, and enjoy the summer!

P.S.: Find the hidden song title in this article, come in and see me, and I will give you a free, usable, non-chintzy gift. (In other words, no refrigerator magnets or letter openers!)

Choice Health marks 10th year with celebration

Choice Health, Greater Springfield's largest health food store, is celebrating its 10th anniversary of business in the Westfield Shops. Featuring premium lines of vitamins, herbs, homeopathics, aromatherapy, and body care, Choice Health started in Agawam in 1988 on Walnut St. Ext.

The business moved to two locations in 1990 - Feeding Hills and Fairfield Mall in Chicopee. In 1991, the Feeding Hills store moved to the Westfield Shops. Within two years, the Fairfield Mall location closed and consolidated to the Westfield location.

Suellen Duga, owner of Choice Health with her husband, Doug, writes a natural health column for several area locations. She is a guest speaker for local organizations such as "Mothers of Twins" and "Visiting Nurses Association."

Suellen has been a student and researcher of natural products since 1962. Doug Duga has a degree in finance from American International College and is primarily responsible for marketing and the financial health of the business. Doug presently serves as a Director with the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

A week-long celebration will begin Monday, July 2nd and continue through Saturday, July 7th (closed Wednesday, July 4th). Choice Health is located on Route 20 in the Westfield Shops (between Friendly's Ice Cream and the BonTon department store). The public is invited to share in the celebration and come in for free samples, drawings for gift baskets, food tasting, and more. Take advantage of a week-long 10% discount given on every purchase including already marked down sale items.

For more information, please contact Choice Health by phone at 568-8333, e-mail at choice-health@livingnaturally.com or visit our web site at www.choice-health.com.

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Fourth of July fireworks safety

As Independence Day approaches, many people are looking forward to Fourth of July festivities, especially fireworks displays. In Massachusetts, where all consumer fireworks are illegal, families can instead gather together at community parks or organized events to view fireworks displays.

"But those who illegally attempt to capture the excitement of these festivities at home are risking serious injuries, especially to children," noted Mandi Summers, coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital. "Each year, their illegal use continues to burn and maim youngsters," she added.

According to the National Council on Fireworks Safety, illegal fireworks continue to be a serious problem. Over the past 10 years, 30-33 percent of the injuries associated with fireworks have typically been caused by illegal explosives or homemade fireworks.

These bright and colorful fireworks are exciting to children, but many do not understand the dangers that go along with handling these potentially dangerous materials.

"While thousands of children are injured each year due to fireworks, nearly 75 percent of these injuries occur during the month surrounding the Fourth of July. Sparklers, while often considered the safest type of fireworks, join firecrackers and rockets as those causing the bulk of emergency room treated injuries," said Dr. Jacques Blanchet, chief, Emergency Services, at Frankling Medical Center in Greenfield.

Fireworks-related injuries often require immediate medical attention. Injuries usually involve the hands/fingers, eyes, or head and can sometimes result in amputations, blindings, or even death. More than half of fireworks-related injuries involve burns, which can be one of the most painful injuries a child can encounter.

"Every year, I am faced with the awful task of telling parents their child will be permanently disfigured or worse due to burns by fireworks that ended up in the wrong hands," said Dr. Richard Gerstein, chief, Emergency Services, Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.

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Life in the middle.

Read more about this in today's column.

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Chiropractic Care

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Latest research findings

The following are the newest studies that were recently reported in the Chiropractic Research Review.

1. A high fiber diet lowers the risk of mouth and throat cancers. People who consumed the most fruit, vegetables, and whole grain cereals had a lower risk of oral, pharyngeal, and esophageal cancers compared with people who consumed the least amount. Soluble fiber found in foods such as oatmeal and fruit, and insoluble fiber found in seeds and the skin of the fruit were both protective.

2. The DASH diet (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) is found to significantly lower blood pressure in people who have hypertension and even normal blood pressure. The diet emphasizes fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy foods. It includes whole grains, poultry, fish, and nuts and contains small amounts of red meats, sweets, and sugar-containing beverages.

3. Another study, this one conducted in the U.S., found glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate are effective in the treatment of mild to moderate osteoarthritis of the knee.

4. A recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine recommended the nonmedical approaches to manage different forms of low back pain, including:

- chiropractic care
- massage therapy
- aerobic conditioning
- intensive strengthening exercise

Bottom line, folks - more and more studies find there is no substitute to eating healthy, exercise, and taking a natural approach to health care.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

Better Breathers to meet at Mercy Medical Center

On Wednesday, June 27th, Better Breathers Support Group for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (C.O.P.D.) will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Mercy Medical Center, 271 Carew St., Springfield in the Deliso Conference Center.

The speaker will be Melissa Motyka, RRT, from Lincare, and the topic will be "Home Care Equipment for C.O.P.D."

Lung disease, including asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, affects nearly 28 million people in the United States. Common symptoms are shortness of breath, chronic mucus production, frequent chest colds, coughing up blood, chronic cough, and wheezing.

Better Breathers Support Group is designed to offer both educational and social opportunities and is free of charge. People affected by lung disease, their family members and friends, are all welcome to attend.

For more information, please call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Linda Chastain, at Mercy Medical Center's Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, at 748-6965.

Alzheimer's support group at The Atrium

The Atrium, located at 153 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, offers free monthly support groups for individuals caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a similar memory disorder.

On the first Tuesday of every month, The Atrium is the site for a support group meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. A light supper is included.

On the third Wednesday of every month, an afternoon support group is held at the Chicopee Senior Center, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

If you would like further information, please contact Judy Pothul at The Atrium, 821-9911.

Citizens urged to test homes for radon

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless gas that is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings, can be harmful at elevated levels.

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And, if discovered, radon problems can be fixed by qualified contractors for a cost similar to that for many common home repairs, such as painting or having a new water heater installed.

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts urges Western Massachusetts residents to take action. Radon kits are available for a discounted price of \$8 each through the local American Lung Association in Springfield.

To purchase a kit by credit card or for more information, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at (413) 737-3506 or (800) LUNG-USA, or mail your check, payable to ALA of Western MA to 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

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"Fireworks can be an exciting part of a celebration, but no parent or child should have to learn about their dangers in such a painful way."

If for any reason a fireworks accident occurs, remain calm and seek medical attention immediately, regardless of the severity of the injury. Often eyes can be injured in fireworks accidents and it is important to take precautions if this occurs. Do not rub or rinse out the eyes which can cause further damage. Also, avoid putting pressure on the area around the eye. Do not use any kind of aspirin or ibuprofen, which can cause blood thinning and potentially increase any bleeding that is present. Using ointments and medications are not recommended, as they can make the area around the eye slippery and interfere with the doctor's examination.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign remind families that the safest way to enjoy the dazzle of fireworks this year is at a community-sanctioned, licensed event.

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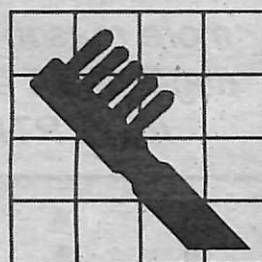


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I received this single (e-mail) response (without signature) to last week's column entitled, **CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE**. I am assuming many others, who did not respond, share a similar reaction. I wanted to respond by giving this point of view voice. Certainly, I am aware that there is a part of me that agrees with this point of view wholeheartedly.

Mr. Dan Pender:

I have been a faithful reader of your column "Life Through Stories" in the Agawam Advertiser News since it began. Lately, I am becoming more and more disappointed with your column. I particularly found last week's column not only distasteful but disturbing. The timing of this column could not have been worse, right before Father's Day. (Perhaps you planned it that way?) This is a time when we should be emphasizing the more positive sides of our male relationships.

I have come to understand, through reading your column, that you had a very difficult childhood with your father and brother, but surely you must have had a male figure in your life that you could have written positively about. A teacher, scout leader or church figure perhaps? Someone that made a difference in your life for the better. A positive outlook would certainly go farther in helping out more folks who find themselves in the same situation.

Your column seems to be a venue for you to vent your emotional pain and suffering. Some of the stories that you write about should be between you and your therapist as the content is not appropriate to be shared in a smalltown newspaper for everyone to read. I do not believe that the intent of your column was purely for self-help (yours).

If you would like to truly help people, please find a more positive way to express and share your stories

Your feedback is welcome. Your real life stories are too! Please e-mail or write me with what you would be willing to share. I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise. Thank you.

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Answer: The feet are extremely complex structures composed of bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, nerves, blood vessels, and skin. They may develop a variety of disorders (some of which originate in other parts of the body). They are subject to injuries and other problems caused by normal wear and tear over years of supporting the weight of your body.

Support group for "essential tremor" sufferers

Do you have "essential tremor" (shaking hands, voice, or head for no known cause)? You are not alone. Millions of men, women, and children in the United States have it, too.

The Connecticut River Valley Essential Tremor Advocates is a support group that meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicopee Senior Center, 7 Valley View Court, Chicopee.

We invite you to join us to explore treatments and share coping strategies for essential tremor.

For more information, please call Judy at (413) 594-7674.

Foot pain can be due to ill-fitting, inappropriate footwear; injuries; sprains which stretch or tear ligaments (which connect bones); stress fractures of bones in the foot; and many other causes. Podiatrists specialize in the feet and often provide relief with these types of problems.

However, misalignments of lower back vertebrae and malfunctions of the pelvis and lumbar spine can result in gait abnormalities, pinched nerves, and other problems causing foot and leg problems.

What can chiropractic do? A chiropractor can analyze the structure and function of your pelvis and lower back in an attempt to identify the cause of your pain, and determine the best course of treatment (or if referral to a specialist is called for). Chiropractic adjustments can restore function and relieve pain.

As a result, other body structures can be relieved of or protected from painful disorders stemming from the lower spine.

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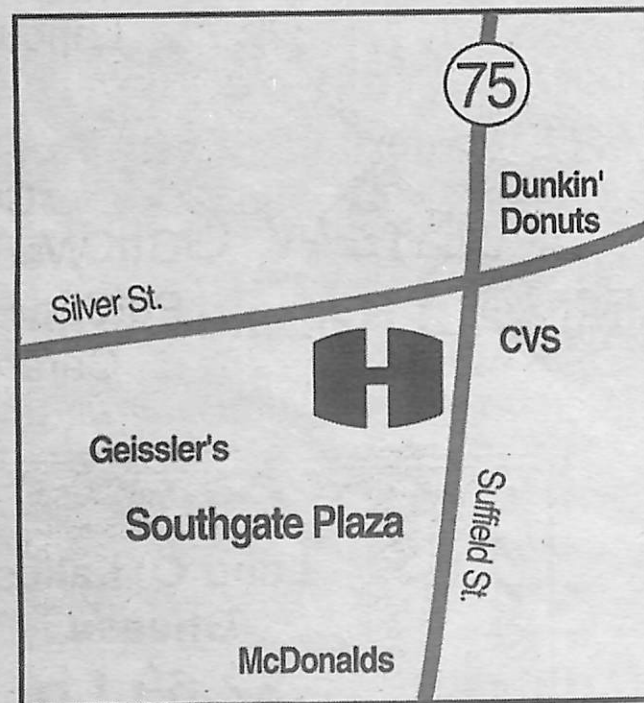
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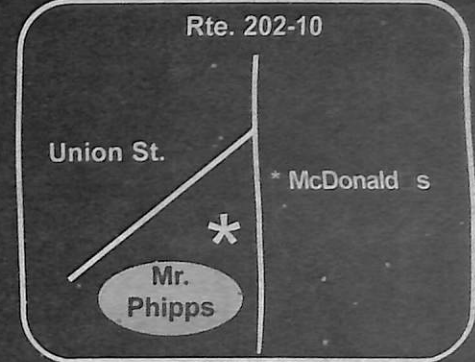
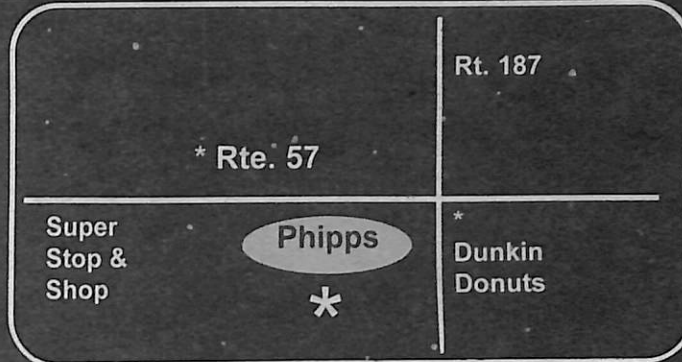
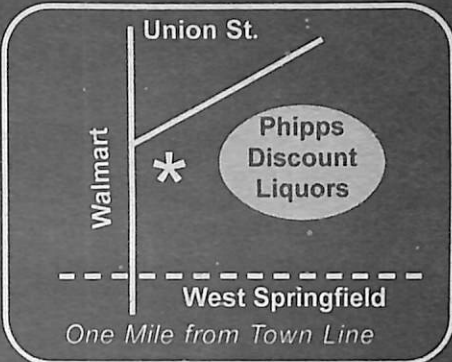
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A three-ring circus on July 5th...

Roberts Bros. to set up big top in Feeding Hills

In a caravan of over 20 vehicles carrying specialized equipment, performers, and animals, the Roberts Bros. Circus is scheduled to perform at the Polish-American Club grounds on Thursday, July 5th, with showtimes at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

With the number of tented circuses shrinking each year due to extensive amounts of equipment and labor required, the Earl family (owners and producers of the Roberts Bros. Circus) has always felt that the magical atmosphere that is created by holding the performance under the big top is irreplaceable, taking you back to yesteryear.

This year's 90-minute performance includes:

- * The Jenzac Duo's "Daredevil Highwire" motorcycle act.
- * Direct from Mexico City, Miss Monica Alexandria performs astounding feats while hanging by her hair.
- * A ring full of the R.B.C. liberty horses performing their precision military drills.
- * The lightning-fast juggling display of Alan Esgueda and Kevin Earl.
- * Miss Angela on the trapeze.
- * Dusty the Clown, who will keep you in stitches.
- * Boo, one of the largest performing elephants in the country.
- * Performing dogs and ponies, along with a host of other performers.

For children from 7-16...

Shooting Star Dance to sponsor theatre program

This summer, the Shooting Star Dance Center will be sponsoring an eight-week Summer Theatre Program open to all children between the ages of seven and 16. The program will begin on July 19th and will end the week of September 7th.

The program is designed to promote reading comprehension, self-esteem, and self-expression. Theatre is a wonderful way for children to gain confidence.

Students will be able to learn basic age appropriate theatre techniques while learning ways to communicate effectively within a group. This program is ideal for the child who is yearning to break out of their shell.

The program will be directed by Karen Harpin of West Springfield. Karen has worked on several projects with local community theatre organizations as well as youth theatre groups.

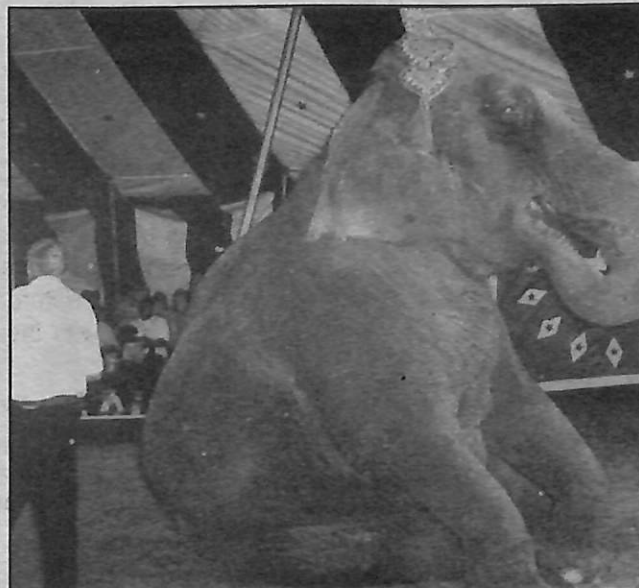
The cost per child is \$60 for the summer session. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings at the Shooting Star Dance Center in Agawam. Registration is currently open and a 50% deposit is required to ensure placement in the program.

Registration forms can be obtained at the Shooting Star Dance Center located at 297 Springfield St., Agawam or by calling the studio at 786-0660.

For the past eight years, the Shooting Star Dance Center has provided quality dance instruction to the Agawam area. In addition to sponsoring the Summer Theatre, Shooting Star will also be offering Summer Dance Classes, Summer Dance Camp, and a Creative Workshop.

For further information on any of the programs being held at the studio, please call the Shooting Star Dance Center at 786-0660.

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THE ROBERTS BROS. CIRCUS ELEPHANT "Boo" enjoys an afternoon snack. The circus will be appearing at the Polish-American Club on Thursday, July 5th with showtimes at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Prior to the show on the midway, families can feed the goats at the petting zoo; test their skill at the baseball speed pitch; jump in the moon walk; ride the ponies; visit Boo the Elephant; or just relax and enjoy eating one of those great circus treats.

A free tour of the grounds is offered at 9:30 a.m. each morning. This is open to individuals, schools, and daycares. No prior arrangements are necessary.

Box office tickets on circus day are adults, \$9; children (ages 2-12 without a free coupon), \$6; and children under two, free. Free coupons for children are available in this week's ad in *The Agawam Advertiser News*, or at participating merchants.

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"The Food Dude"

by John Walters
WMAS 1450 AM



The recipe for tiramisu...

Did you know you can send in recipes to me at P.O. Box 741, Agawam, MA 01001?

One recipe that I always get requests for is tiramisu. There are many different ways of making this dessert. Mine may not be classic, but it works and it is very tasty. So here goes.

I start with a tub of mascarpone cheese and allow it to come to room temperature. If you have the ambition, you can make your own sponge cake fingers (or cheat and buy some lady fingers). Next, brew some triple-strength coffee or buy espresso powder, and make according to the directions. You will need some Kahlua or coffee brandy; heavy cream to whip; a very good grade of cocoa powder; and some semi-sweet chocolate to shave. Real tiramisu has no cream in it - just the eggs and mascarpone cheese whipped together.

In a deep glass dish, arrange the first layer of lady fingers. Your coffee mixture should be this: 2C XXX coffee, plus 1/4C sugar. Add 1C Kahlua. Drizzle all over the lady fingers, then place a layer of the mascarpone cream. Add another layer of fingers, and now you know the drill to make the dessert (include as many layers as you want to make you happy).

The cream is this: beat the room-temperature cheese 'til smooth. Add a TB or 2 of cream to soften. Now, whip the heavy cream with 1/4C sugar, 2TB Kahlua, and just a scant pinch of salt. Fold this into the cheese, and pipe over the soaked lady fingers (I use about 1 qt. of heavy cream).

When the layers are done, dust with cocoa powder

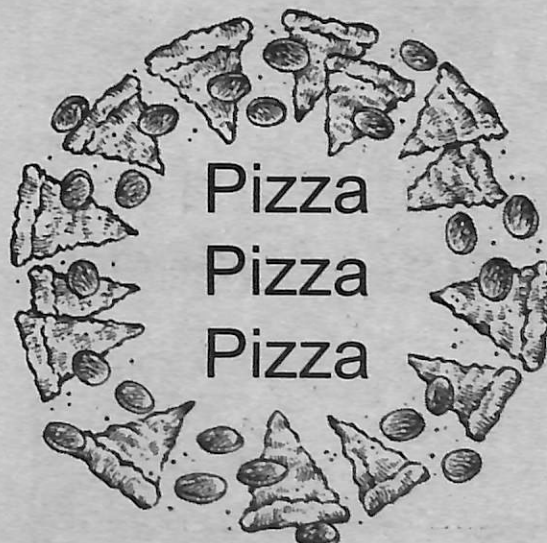
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To the graduates of 2001...

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Summer means fun and relaxation, and it is surely even more exciting for this year's graduates as "Pomp and Circumstance" is seemingly heard everywhere.

In honor of this year's graduating class, I've picked some movies that are sure to remind you of these important years of your lives that have come to a close. Congratulations to you all!!!

* "Sixteen Candles": 1984. Rated PG.

This is probably director John Hughes' milestone film about the troubles of high schooler Molly Ringwald regarding her forgotten "sweet 16th" birthday and her affections for "Mr. Right."

The film is definitely a fine way to remember the good times of high school; in fact, this reviewer always personally associates this film with exactly that! Ringwald delivers a great performance alongside the memorable Anthony Michael Hall character known simply as "The Geek."

The film's many subplots explore teenage relationships and the perennial high school "crush." Through this style of plot development, Hughes allows the viewer to relate to the characters and their associated plights. This is how Ringwald's family is used effectively in the film. We do not see the stereotypical "Brady Bunch" family; instead, we see a family much like the common person's (with people's idiosyncrasies shining through wonderfully).

Hughes exemplified his knack for this genre of film early on with this one, and it surely was responsible - at least in part - for the content of his future works. **4 STARS.**

* "Revenge of the Nerds": 1984. Rated R.

Here is a film that, to this day, still enjoys a large cult following. Robert Carradine, Anthony Edwards, Timothy Busfield, and Andrew Cassese star in this comedy about rebellion.

A group of unpopular students at Adams College become tired of being known as "nerds" and decide to retaliate against the jocks and snobbish girls that relentlessly abuse them. They form their own fraternity on campus and begin an all-out conflict with their rivals.

The film is fun in that it is always nice to see the underdog demand recognition. This is a universal notion that seems to appear in many films, but never as the primary plot formula. This simplistic screenplay is saved wholly by the great performances and on-screen chemistry between the two top-billed actors, Carradine and Edwards.

Although this film is not set in high school, it does relate. Every school has unpopular students that become the subject of constant ridicule. That is why I like the theme of this film. The message it sends out is that words and insults really are meaningless in the grand scheme of life, and that (in the end) the supposed "popular" students are the ones whose lives are unhappy as adults.

As long as you rent this without expectations of blockbuster material, then you will enjoy the picture. While the production value of the picture is only average, the two central actors' performances and the timeless - and important - theme are well worth experiencing. **3 STARS.**

* "Ferris Bueller's Day Off": 1986. Rated PG-13.

Matthew Broderick stars in the title role in this comedy about a very inventive hookie-from-school expert

who embarks on an adventure that finds him in numerous calamities.

Director John Hughes sticks to his teenage/high school genre with this film and, consequently, makes it a perfect complement to his other films (including "Sixteen Candles"). Hughes does take a slightly different approach with this film, however, in that he combines two plot devices that virtually guarantee audience participation.

The first device used is parody. Throughout the picture, Hughes pokes fun at high school life through the oftentimes exaggerated screenplay involving a hapless principal (played to perfection by Jeffrey Jones). Also demonstrative of this notion is the appearance of none other than Ben Stein as the ideological "boring" teacher.

The second device used by Hughes is the use of fantasy. Every student is sure to fantasize about being able to pull off all the scams that Ferris does. In reality, these scams and opportunities would probably not happen so perfectly.

In addition to these plot devices, there are some other memorable performances, including an appearance by Charlie Sheen and Jennifer Grey as Bueller's sister (who wants nothing more than for Ferris to eventually get caught in his web of deceit). Also, look for Edie McClurg and comedian Louie Anderson.

This film hits the mark perfectly and is a fine example of the genre. It is not just limited to teens either, for adults will even enjoy it. One thing is certain - it will have graduates reminiscing about high school! **4 STARS.**

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS

- Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

2nd annual "Battle of the Bands"

The Town of Agawam will be sponsoring the second annual "Monster Jam - Battle of the Bands" on Saturday, June 23rd, at Agawam High School. This event will begin at 12:00 noon and run until 6:00 p.m.

Come see your favorite high school rock bands play and compete for prizes. All proceeds from the "Monster Jam" will be used to benefit the AHS classes of 2003 and 2004, as well as the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department.

Advance tickets are \$3 each, and they can be purchased at the Agawam Recreation Office, the AHS Guidance Office, and LaSalle Music.

Tickets will also be sold for \$5 each at the door on the day of the event.

For more information, call Chris Sparks, director of Parks & Recreation, at 821-0514.

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and shaved chocolate. Refrigerate for at least an hour or two before serving.

Serve this with Kahlua coffee that is fresh brewed coffee, covered with whipped cream, and served with a chocolate cup filled with a shot of Kahlua.

You can make your own chocolate cups or just buy some in the gourmet section of your favorite store. They are made by painting the inside of a small paper cup with semi-sweet chocolate.

Refrigerate the cups, peel the paper, and remove from the fridge to pour and serve. This dessert goes with everything, so make it for your friends and sit back and receive those congratulations.

After plating, decorate with chocolate sauce and fresh strawberries.

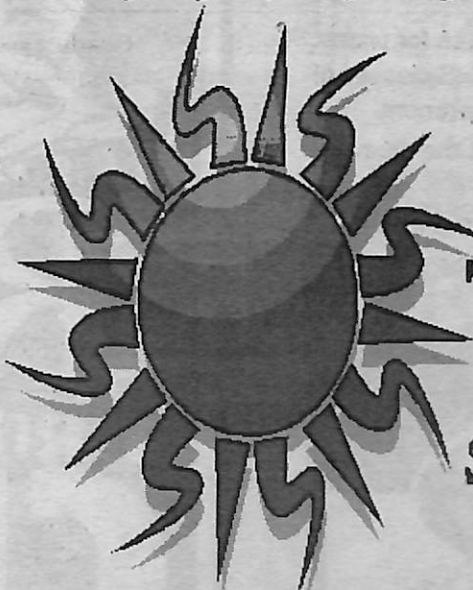
Always remember, "it's not what you're eating, it's whom your dining with."

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I'll have more for you next week.

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Education

Info regarding Ag. Public Schools' Summer School 2001

SUMMER SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Alan R. Cohen.

REGISTRATION PLACE: Agawam High School - Guidance Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Telephone number (413) 821-0519.

ALL SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 4 weeks - 40 hours.

TIME AND DAYS: Classes will be every day, Monday through Friday, beginning July 9th and ending August 3rd. Class time is 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION: Will begin Monday, June 25, 2001 (between 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.).

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL. Full payment is due with Registration Form (bank check or money order preferred).

CANCELLATION: The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also change due to enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. NO REFUND AFTER FIRST CLASS HAS MET or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Two (2) tardies is equal to one (1) absence.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

THE FOLLOWING COURSE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND COURSE OFFERINGS ARE BASED ON ENROLLMENT.

* ENGLISH, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.: 7th Grade English, 8th Grade English, 11th Grade English, & 12th Grade English.

* ENGLISH, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON: 9th Grade English & 10th Grade English.

* HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.:



The busy Brownies of Troop 580! Back row: Courtney Bussiere, Nicolette Gonyea, Brittany Theroux, Briana Maggi, Taylor Dawson, Brittney Bussiere, Amy Hryniewicz, and Talia Saracino. Front row: Kayla Ryan-Kozel, Gabrielle Gonet, Brittney Chechile, Alexis Knowles, Janel Thies, and Melissa Hryniewicz.

Brownie Troop 580 enjoys a busy year

The Brownies from Troop 580 had a very busy year. They made Christmas ornaments for the Giving Tree at Tower Square, collected clothes for Bethany Church, sold cookies, planted flowers at Agawam Congregational Church (their meeting house), and earned four patches.

They visited Bright Nights, enjoyed a fun-filled day at Camp Bonnie Brae, and marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

During May and June, the girls prepared for their bridging ceremony, which took place on June 4th.

The Brownies ended their year with a trip to see the play, "Pippi Longstocking" at Symphony Hall, followed by dinner at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield.

They are looking forward to their next year of challenges, projects, and fun.

8th Grade Social Studies, 9th Grade World History/Geography I, & 10th Grade World History/Geography II.

* HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON: 7th Grade World History/Geography & 11th Grade U.S. History.

* SCIENCE, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.: Physical Science, Biology/Natural Science, & Physics/Conceptual Physics

* SCIENCE, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON: 7th Grade - Integrated Science, 8th Grade - Integrated Science, Chemistry/Con Chemistry.

* MATHEMATICS, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.: Algebra I, Geometry, General Math (Grades 9-12).

* MATHEMATICS, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON: 7th Grade Math, 8th Grade Math, Algebra II, & Pre-Algebra.

* WORLD LANGUAGES, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.: Intro To French, French I, & French II.

* WORLD LANGUAGES, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON: Intro To Spanish, Spanish I, & Spanish II.

* PHYSICAL EDUCATION, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M., OR 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON.

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Tues., June 26th: Menu - "manager's choice."

Middle & Elementary Schools

Mon., June 25th: Jumbo baked pretzel w/cheese sauce, vegetable of the day, assorted chilled fruit, dessert of the day.

Tues., June 26th: Menu - "manager's choice."

"Tough Love" program offered in Westfield

You are invited to "Tough Love," a self-help program for parents troubled by their kid's behavior to be presented on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield.

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Matthew Couture receives American International College's Alumni Book Prize

American International College recently recognized Western Massachusetts high school students who excel in the classroom. Fifteen juniors received the AIC Alumni Book Prize, including Agawam High School student Matthew Couture.

The AIC Alumni Association presents the award each year to high school students who have achieved academically and are good school citizens.

The award was first given out six years ago by the Alumni Association. "Our alumni are interested in honoring exceptional high school students," said John

DeBonville, director of AIC's Office of Alumni Relations.

The students, who received certificates and Merriam-Webster dictionary and thesaurus gift sets, will also be honored at a reception at AIC in the late fall.

"We offer these awards to reward students for achieving at a high level," said DeBonville. "The College has a 116-year tradition of achievement, and we believe that students should be recognized when they do well academically."

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*From The
AHS Guidance
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by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

The girl in the igloo

(Part 2 of 2)

We discussed her method of dealing with the upsetting moments at home and I helped her to see that instead of dealing with the issues, she was running away from them all because she didn't know any other way to deal with them. Leaving the scene had become her modus operandi. Yet, she really hadn't dealt with the yelling, so the intense feelings that the yelling had caused were now bottled up inside of her. She was not able to let them out, yet her body wanted to do so.

"You know, Holly, our body is sort of like a balloon that is being filled with air. If some of that air does not seep out, what happens?"

"I'll pop!" "Right," I responded, "and that's what's happening to you now. I mean, you're not actually popping, but your head is hurting badly. That's your body's way of reacting. I truly believe that the body and the mind are related. So, unless you want to go on having headaches, you must come to grips with your feelings and learn to deal with your existing home issues. I mean, it seems apparent that your parents are not going to change, so you are the one who is going to have to change your coping skills."

Holly thought for a few minutes. Clearly she was agitated and couldn't see any clear solutions, so I suggested a few. She could write her parents a letter detailing how she feels. She could go out with them to a restaurant and talk to them. They probably would not yell there. She could ask them if she could stay with a friend for a while or with an older sibling who no longer lived at home.

She could vent her feelings to her friends. She could keep a diary or she could write down her feelings and then rip up the paper or even burn it. "Whatever you think will work, Holly, try. I do know that you must vent your feelings somehow, otherwise your body will continue to hurt as it searches for some relief."

As the conversation progressed, it became apparent that Holly dealt with other issues by just walking away. She never chose to share her feelings about anything, since when she had done that at home, she had gotten into trouble. So, in fact, she now was like a girl in an igloo. She had surrounded herself with impenetrable ice so that no one could reach her and upset her. She had closed off her feelings to others. However, now her body was negatively responding. Her headaches were debilitating. It was apparent that the igloo she had constructed was going to have to melt. Holly was going to have to let people in.

The bell rang, the period was ending, and Holly had to get to class. As she left, I looked her in the eye, smiled, and said, "Holly, thanks for sharing. Now there is a small crack in that igloo. Let's see if you can't make the crack even larger. It won't be easy, but I am sure the results will be worth the effort. Your headaches should lessen, and you should be able to put your efforts into your schoolwork, rather than into just being able to exist. Get back to me and let me know how you are doing."

I hope Holly heeds my words. Time will tell.

Full-day kindergarten meeting set for June 24th

A Full-Day Kindergarten Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield St.

For additional information, contact Diane Juzba, 789-0804.

Final Exam Schedule...

Revised early dismissal at Agawam High

Agawam High School will be administering final examinations on Wednesday, June 20th, Thursday, June 21st, Friday, June 22nd, Monday, June 25th, and Tuesday, June 26th.

This exam schedule will necessitate a change in the bus schedule at the High School for these five days. The following schedule will be in effect:

Thurs., June 21st: Morning schedule will remain the same. Dismissal will be at 10:45 a.m. Two late

busses - one for Agawam and one for Feeding Hills at 12:15 p.m.

Fri., June 22nd: Morning schedule will remain the same. Dismissal will be at 10:45 a.m. Two late busses - one for Agawam and one for Feeding Hills at 12:15 p.m.

Mon., June 25th: Morning schedule will remain the same at 1:45 p.m. Two busses - one for Agawam and one for Feeding Hills. (FULL DAY OF SCHOOL).

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THE AGAWAM PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT and the Springfield Falcons were good partners this past winter. The Parks Department sold more "Group Night" tickets than any of the area departments involved in this Falcons' promotion. Pictured above are Christopher Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Frank Petruzzello of the Falcons.

Agawam Parks & Rec. Department sells the most Falcons tickets

Every year, the Springfield Falcons team up with area Parks & Recreation Departments to offer discounted tickets to home games once a month through the Falcons' regular season.

The seven "Group Nights" at the Nest had a family-oriented theme at a one-price ticket of \$7.50, with 50 cents of each ticket sold given back to the area Parks & Recreation Department.

This past season, the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department sold the most tickets of the more than 13 different departments involved in the promotion. Recently, Frank Petruzzello of the Falcons presented Chris Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation, with a check for \$130.50 and an autographed Springfield Falcons jersey to reward him for selling 263 tickets this past season.

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Summer soccer...

Agawam girls down Central in hot season opener

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The girls from Agawam High School got off to a good start in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League on Monday evening (June 18th) with a 5-1 victory over visiting Springfield Central at the Middle School.

The girls, called Agawam Bruno's, are being coached on the "hot weather" circuit by Eddie Santaniello, owner of Bruno's Pizzeria in Feeding Hills. Santaniello is known in the area for his knowledge of the game, as well as being someone who's an expert in teaching fundamental skills.

He said before the game that good passing and a more "wide open" style of play (coming off the counterattack) would be the cornerstones of the team. Based on the team's opener versus Central, the girls already are hearing this message.

The summer Brownies started off with several good scoring opportunities on the right wing, where striker Kaitlin Sardella had two chances. One came from a feed from midfielder Jill Lawson, and the other when defender Allison Siedlik and midfielder Erin McLane worked the ball to her for a shot from 20 yards out that the goalie saved straight up.

Central came back with its first foray into the Agawam zone just three minutes into the game and scored. The next few minutes saw the locals fall into a funk, and the coach sent in seven new players (most of them from an impressive group of girls coming up from the Junior High).

They immediately added plenty of energy and stormed the Central zone.

Striker Maria Santaniello, forward Tiffany Manzi, midfielder Lauren Peltier, and midfielder Kara Powell (who will only be an eighth-grader in September) all

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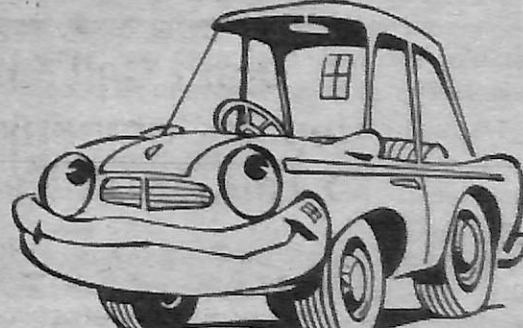
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had opportunities to score over the next few minutes, as Central was back on its heels.

Central did manage a single rush up the field, but they were thwarted by goalie Vicky Taylor.

Agawam was back in the Central zone again. A bang-bang job from Peltier to Manzi to Powell saw Powell smash it in for a 1-1 tie.

Santaniello went back to the veterans again, and this time they didn't disappoint. Forward Desiree Marsili crushed a shot off the crossbar that forward Erin Gloster pounced on for her first of two goals on the night.

After Taylor made another good save, the locals rushed up the field again and forward Meaghan Brown deflected a cross past the fallen goalie after accepting a cross from McLane.

Give the Brownies' defense some credit in this mix, too. Stopper Danielle Cirillo was all over the field in playing the entire game, as did sweeper Amanda Blair. Defender Laura Pederson also played with aggression and led several nice advances up the

field. Cirillo was also quick to the mark when Central forwards seemingly had a step or two on the defense to thwart scoring chances on Taylor.

At the intermission, Agawam led, 3-1.

The locals put this away with two goals in the second half. The first came when Sardella sped up the right wing and then sent a drop pass to tall Torey Lyons, who was playing center-midfield. She launched a 40-yarder that sailed high over the goalie's head and into the net.

Erin Gloster registered her second of the night after accepting a feed from Lyons, and it was nighty-night to Central.

With five minutes to go, Susan Jenney replaced Taylor in the net.

Agawam put up 15 shots and Central had nine.

Agawam's next game is Friday, June 22nd, at home versus the Ludlow Lady Lions 2.

The 12-team Division A features the likes of Ludlow Lady Lions 1, Cathedral, and Westfield ... all of which were Division I powers in the 2000 schoolgirl fall season.

Tennis doubles tournament on July 7th & 8th

A tennis doubles tournament, sponsored by the Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Department and *The Agawam Advertiser News*, has been scheduled for Saturday, July 7th, and Sunday, July 8th (finals), at the Agawam High School tennis courts. (The Perry Lane tennis courts will be used for warm-ups and for games, if needed.)

All teams must sign in at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday (rain or shine) to get playing assignments.

The fees are as follows: Teen Division (ages 11-17), \$10 per team; Open Division (all ages), \$20 per team; and Seniors Division (ages 50 and older), \$20 per team.

A consolation tournament will be held for the teams

that lose in the first round. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and finalists in each division, and all proceeds from the tournament will be used for the benefit of the Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Department.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office (located in the rear of Agawam High School), or by calling Rudy Altobelli, 786-1577, or Fred LaPlace, 786-6753 or 537-5036. These forms, along with payment, must be received by Tuesday, July 3rd.

Please send or drop off forms and payment to: "Agawam Parks & Recreation, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001." Make checks payable to Town of Agawam.

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In Legion baseball action...

Agawam Post loses pitchers' duel to Easthampton

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you want to cook up a good baseball game, you need the right ingredients - good hitting (including a bomb here and there), good pitching, some exciting defensive plays, and (for good measure) an extra inning or two.

Well, that mix was there on Tuesday evening (June 19th) at Easthampton's Booster Field, where - unfortunately for the Agawam Legion baseball team - Easthampton Post had a little more in the pot and went on to a 3-2, eight-inning win.

Agawam Post looks a lot like the Agawam Brownie baseball team when you study its roster. So, for many of the faithful who attend their games, it's like Yogi said - "deja vu all over again."

Agawam faced Easthampton ace Jeremy Demers, who would figure big in this one (8 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0.00 ERA). Oh, did we fail to mention he also dusted 11 Agawam kids along the way?

Agawam had a pretty good one of its own on the mound - Jon Reardon (7+ IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 W, 5 SO, 3.42 ERA).

Reardon, who lives in Springfield and pitches for Sabbis School, gave up two dingers, including the game-winner to Demers in the eighth.

Easthampton would score first, in the second on a couple of walks and a two-out single with runners on first and second.

Demers, with a lot of pop on his fastball, had been handling Agawam pretty well for three, allowing one

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Profile...

Lisa Bienia - More senior leadership for Brownie softball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the reasons for the success of Agawam High softball this past season was Lisa Bienia.

The recently graduated senior took some time to talk about her days as a Brownie.

Lisa is 18. Her birthday is May 12th. She spent all four years of her secondary education at the High School.

In her final semester Lisa took AP calculus, AP English, fifth-year Spanish, physics, and yearbook (where she was the advertising editor).

Lisa was a member of the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll Society.

Her favorite courses were biology and calculus. Richard Joseph (biology) was her top teacher.

Lisa will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. this fall. She hopes to major in biology, with an eye towards a medical career as a pediatrician.

She played soccer and basketball until her junior season at AHS. She played softball for four years, and was a member of the varsity team as a junior and senior.

Softball is her sport.

Lisa's most memorable sports moment came as a junior in the Division I opening round when she drove in the tying run against Northampton, thus enabling the Brownies to go on and win the game.

The rightfielder had this take on the just-completed season, which saw Agawam go to the Western Mass. finals before losing, 1-0, to state runner-up Cathedral:



LISA BIENIA

"We had a good season. Our nine seniors were all very close, so it was emotional for us when it was over. Also, we proved something because I don't think

anyone believed we'd even make the playoffs."

Lisa also played a pivotal role in a seventh-inning rally that led to the Brownies defeating Taconic, 8-7, in an eight-inning barnburner in the Division I quarterfinals at Harmon Smith Field.

Mashed potatoes - with gravy - is her favorite food.

Blue is Lisa's hue.

A VW Pasat would be her ride.

She likes the Red Sox. Trot Nixon of the Sox is her favorite player.

She likes to kick back and relax with her friends.

Lisa likes both casual and dress-up attire.

Everything in music appeals to Lisa. Will Smith is her favorite artist.

"Everyone Loves Raymond" is her top TV show. "What About Bob?" is Lisa's favorite flick.

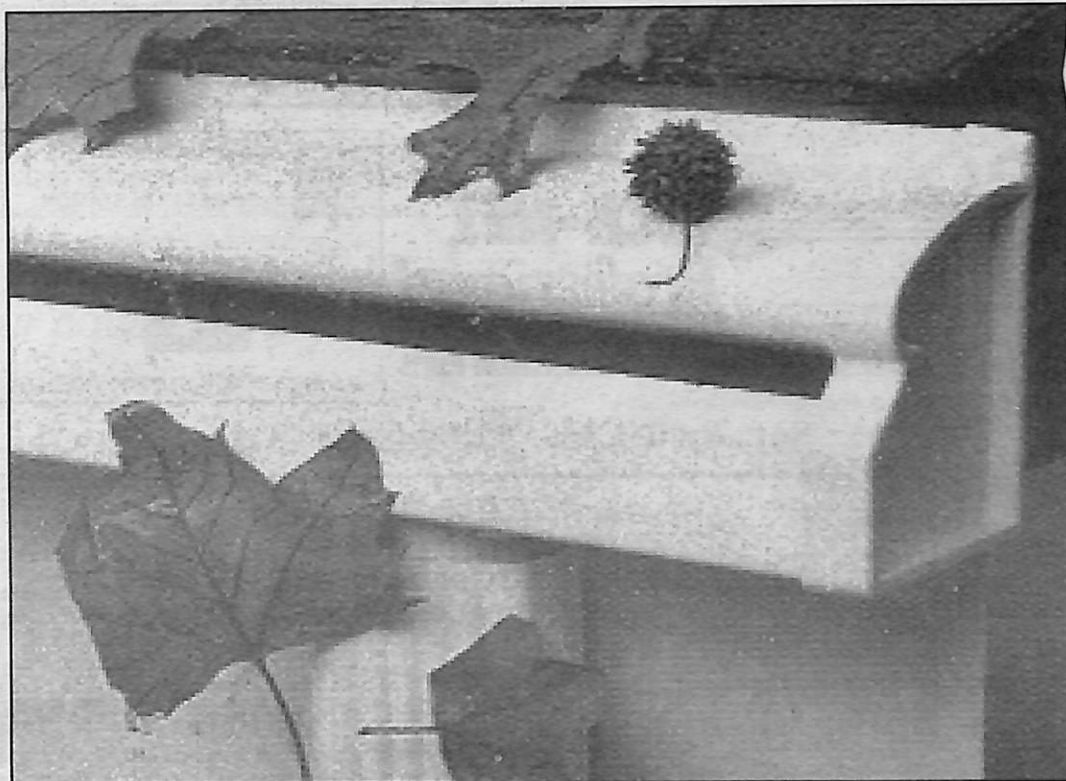
Linda is her mom. Richard is her dad. She has two brothers: Dave, a sophomore, who played baseball for the Brownies this past season; and Kevin, who will be entering the High School this fall.

Ummie, Lisa's grandmother on her mother's side, is the person she looks up to. "We're very close. I can talk to her about anything," Lisa told us.

She would like to be remembered as someone who could make anyone laugh and was an overall good person.

First-year Coach Courtne Hyland, in her preseason preview, said Lisa was a blue-collar player who gave you everything she had.

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hit (a first-inning single courtesy of catcher Matt Rheault) while striking out six, including the side in the third.

However, they got to him in the fourth. Aaron Gilbert caught up with a Demers heater and lined it to right.

The speedy Gilbert then looked to steal second. Brandon Donovan was up when the attempted theft occurred. He reached on an error when the ball was booted by the distracted Easthampton Post second baseman.

Rheault got his second hit - a single to right to load the bases. Lefty Justin Perry (a good-looking first baseman who played on the Agawam JV's last season) rapped a ball to second, forcing Gilbert at home.

Designated hitter John Lynch stepped in with one down and the bases still full. He promptly got drilled on the left wrist by a Demers fastball. Lynch staggered down to first, and Donovan came home for Agawam Post's initial run. Dave Bienia was next with no place to put him. He topped one back to Demers, who (in his haste to make the play at the plate) bobbled the ball and Rheault came home.

Third baseman Josh Rheault (who lives in Agawam but doesn't attend AHS) came up and hit one back to Demers. Demers handled this one cleanly, gunning down Perry at the plate. There were two down, and Jack Pearson stalked into the box. Pearson (who graduated last year and was a former member of the Agawam Brownie baseball team) went down swinging.

Agawam Post's 2-1 lead didn't last long. With one down in the fifth, Easthampton Post's John Spiller drilled one over the right-center fence (350 feet out). Things were quiet after that, as both pitchers went about their work sending the tie game into extra innings.

Agawam could do nothing in its half of the eighth,

Locals win state horse competition

The 4-H State Horse Competition was held recently in Spencer, Massachusetts, with nine teams competing from various Massachusetts counties.

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as Demers pinned his ears back and punched out two of the three hitters he faced before Matt Rheault went down on a grounder to short.

Reardon would face one guy in the bottom of the inning - Demers. The kid (headed for UMass this fall to play some baseball) blasted one over the center-field fence - about 370 feet away as the crowd (or the ball) flies. And just like that, it was over.

Later, his dad, Wayne would note that Demers has had a homerun in each of Easthampton Post's first three games.

Agawam went to 2-2. Easthampton rose to 2-1.

AGAWAM STATS: Gilbert - 1-4; Donovan - 0-4, 1 RS; M. Rheault - 2-4, 1 RS; Perry - 0-3; Lynch - 0-2, 1 RBI; Bienia - 0-3, 1 RBI; J. Rheault - 0-3; Pearson - 1-3; Lapins - 0-3; Maloni - 0-1.

AGAWAM: 2 R, 4 H, 0 E, 4 LOB.

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Juventus W.Mass F.C. schedules soccer tryouts

Juventus W.Mass. F.C. soccer tryouts for Maple Division I play are scheduled for Friday, June 29th for the Boys-Under 14.

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Program activities will be starting at 5:00 p.m., with several Shriners musical groups and other entertainers participating.

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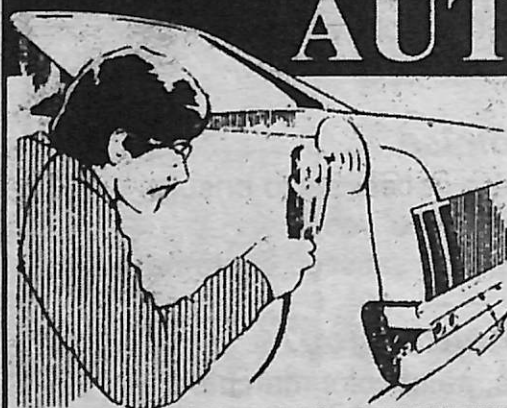
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Agawam Youth Football schedules "Pee Wee" registration

On Sunday, June 24th, the Warriors will hold an additional registration for the 2001 football season.

We are looking for players born between 1991 and 1993, who will be in the third and fourth grades in the fall of 2001. The registration will be held at the Captain Leonard House at 663 Main Street, Agawam, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity for youngsters to learn the fundamentals of the game and safely play football with players from area communities.

The fee to play is \$75. All new players are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate. A birth certificate is not necessary for returning players. Players are provided with a regulation helmet, shoulder pads, and full-practice and game uniforms. Please have the player present so that they can be measured for their uniform.

We also welcome older and returning players born between 1987 and 1991, who will be in the fifth, six, seventh, or eighth grades in the fall.

Practice is scheduled to begin on August 1st at Memorial Field on School Street.

There will be several Agawam Youth Football board members, coaches, and players on hand to discuss our program. If you have any questions regarding this sign-up, please call Kirk Parker at 786-6601 or Maria Scoville at 786-0771.

Agawam Little League major league standings (as of June 18, 2001)

Teams	Sponsors	Wins	Losses
Orioles	Six Flags - New England	11	3
Dodgers	Service Matters	10	4
Braves	B & D Petroleum Sales	9	5
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Mets	Cambridge Credit Counseling Cor	8	6
Royals	Sound Seal	4	10
Indians	CRW Landscaping, Inc.	4	10
Red Sox	Stellato Brothers Landscaping	2	12

At Agawam Municipal Golf Course...

Golf tournament to benefit Expo. Area Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund will hold its 2001 annual golf tournament on Sunday, June 24th at Agawam Municipal Golf Course, with dinner after the tournament at the Dante Club in West Springfield.

The tournament will feature a scramble format and is open to the public. The tournament fee of \$75 per person includes green fees, a golf cart, lunch on the course, prizes for all golfers, and a multi-course dinner at the Dante Club.

A great assortment of prizes are being donated by area businesses and individual supporters of the scholarship fund for this year's tournament.

Information on registration and starting times is available by calling Adrienne Frasco at 786-0093. Starting times begin at 10:00 a.m.

Parties interested in sponsoring a tee or donating prizes for the tournament can contact Mark Navone at 781-2324. Dinner-only tickets are also available for \$20.

The golf tournament is a key annual event sponsored by the scholarship fund committee, which has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to college and college-bound students in the area.

Scholarships totaling \$9,200 have been awarded to 22 students for the 2001-2002 academic year. All contributions to the scholarship fund are tax-deductible.

Agawam Little League minor league standings (as of June 18, 2001)

Teams	Sponsors	Wins	Losses	Ties
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Indians	Fitness First	9	4	0
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Royals	Bridgeport National Bindery, Inc.	8	4	1
Mets	Eastern Electronic & Security, Inc.	7	4	2
Yankees	Schlaffer Chiropractic Office	7	4	2
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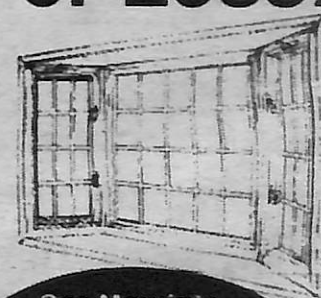
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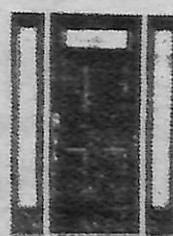
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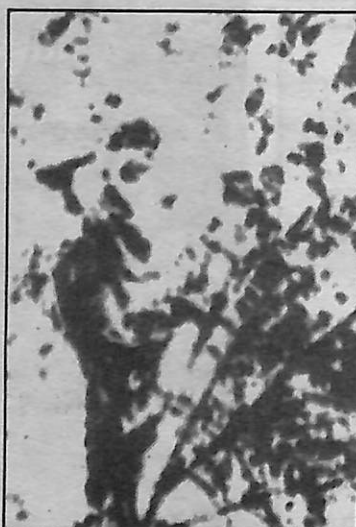
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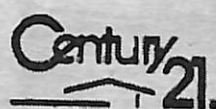
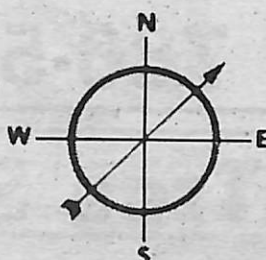
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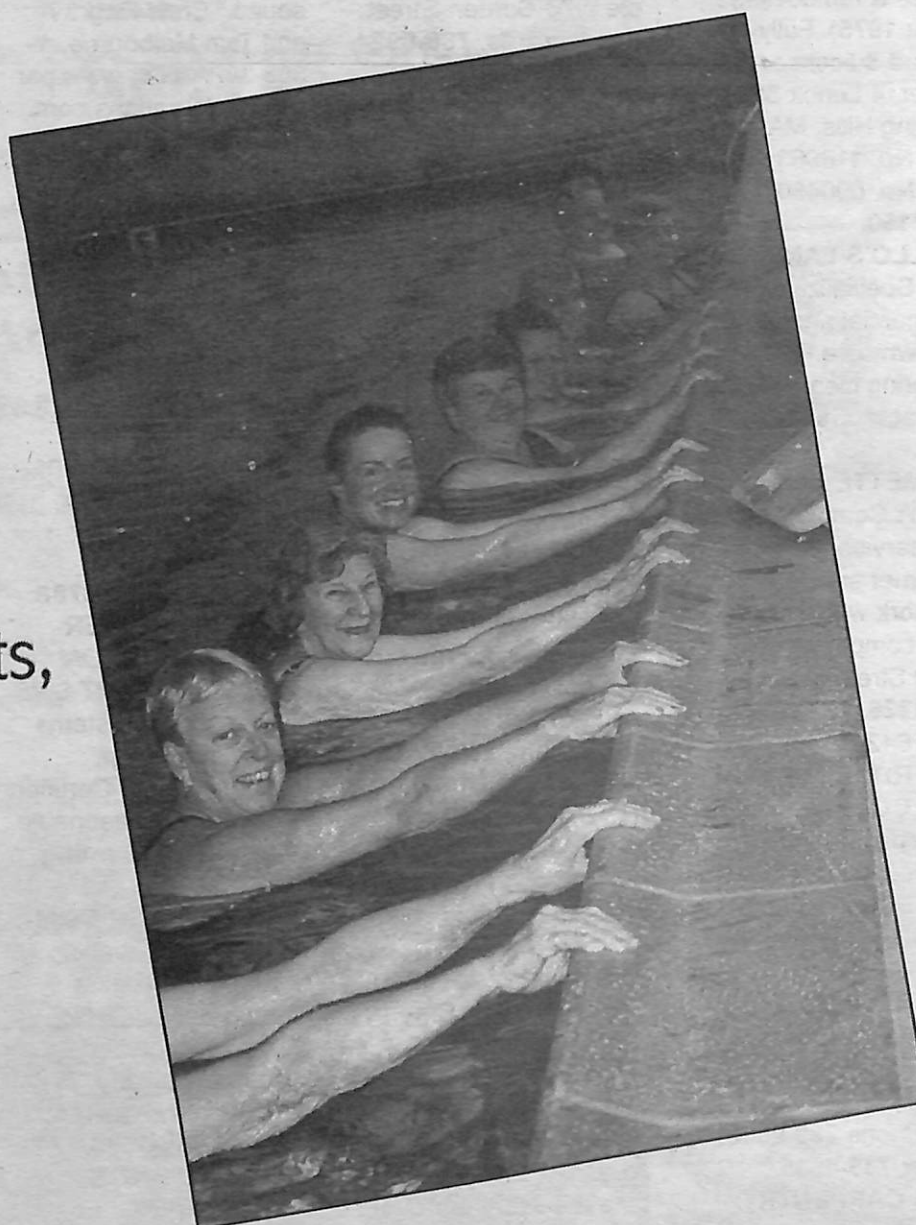
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The Agawam High School Class of 2001

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Elizabeth Ellen Edge, Kenneth E. Eggleston,

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+**James Christopher Ingari, Katie Marie Jablonski, +*Amy Lynn Jensen, **Lindsey Diane Jeserski, *Janet Lynn Jock, #+*Lauren Suzanne Kida, Anne-Marie King, **Michael Christopher Kirk, **Maksim Y. Kizilov, +*Stephanie Marie Knodler, +**David M. Kowalewski, William John Kraus, Jr., **Joseph Edward Lancour, Benjamin Gerald Lapins, Rachel Jean Lara, +David William Laskowski, +*Bryan James Lavin, +**Laura Crystal LaViolette, ^@Racha Lazkani, Anthony Robert LeClair, Adam S. Lee, %#+*Ryan E. Lepard, **Jennifer Laura Leupo, Bruce Joseph Linder, Anthony Liquori, @*Jana Lohmann, Megan Marie Loomis, **Ashlee Ann Lorraine, #**Sarah Ann Lottermoser, Shannon Marie Mahaney, Adrienne Nicole Major, Ryan Joseph Malanson, Jeremiah Paul Maloni, +**Gregory S. Mantolesky, Jessica Lyn Martel, +**Ajay Michael Martucci, +Elizabeth Ann Maynard, Joseph Alan Maynard, & Megan Jayne McCormick, Craig W. McEwan, Timothy Randall McLean, +**Kelly Lynn McNeish, Arlie June Meade, **Amanda Lynn Menard, *Meike Mentzel, Lisa Marie Menzone, %#+*Jennifer Lynne Mercadante, Shawn Dean Mercadante, Kristin Leigh Mercier, Amanda Sarah Merola, **John Alden Minihan, Sarah Marie Mitchell, Jessica Marie Moffatt, Erica Rose Molbury, **Laura Marie Montagna, +**Amanda Michelle Moquin, +*Rachel Margaret

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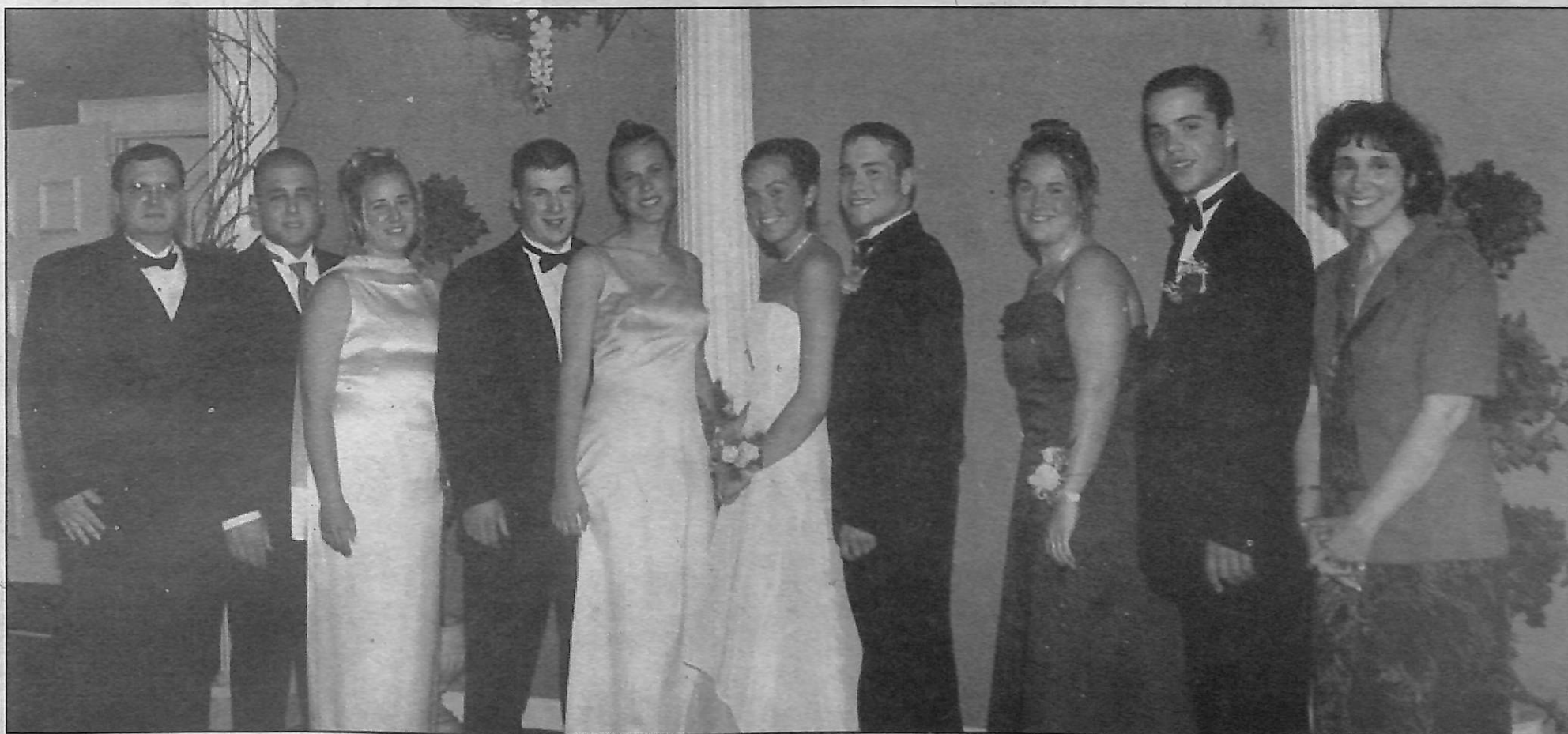
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% La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

& In Absentia



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE 2001 class officers, their escorts, and the class advisors at Chez Josef during the prom on Tuesday, June 5th. From left to right: Scott Trahan (class advisor), Jim Antico, Lauren Kida (treasurer), Brian Chechile, Lisa Bienia (secretary), Jenna Bodurtha (vice-president), Joe Lancour, Pam Sherry, Mike Federico (president), and Kathy Mounemneh (class advisor). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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2001 senior "Awards Night" program

ACADEMIC DECATHLON AWARDS

Michael Cook, Timothy Ranstrom, Stephanie Knodler, Danielle Sienkiewicz, Jennifer Leupo, Jeffrey Thibodeau, Kelly McNeish.

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING I (COLLEGE CREDIT): Anthony Bosini, Stephanie Cox, Timothy Chretien, Ryan Lepard.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING I: Christina Anderson, Katie Gallagher, Marc Barcomb, Ajay Martucci, Frank Ferrentino, Valerie Siedlik, Jessica Forni, Danielle Sienkiewicz.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING II HONORS: Joseph Case.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS LAW: Tiffany Blackman, Gregory Mantolesky, Laura Bucalo, Kelly McNeish, Benjamin Lapins.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Gregory Mantolesky.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BUSINESS MATH/CALCULATOR: Thomas Briotta, Timothy McLean, Ursula Nowik.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CAREER EXPLORATION: Aleesha Grimaldi, Laura Montagna.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: Nicholas Beaudette, Joseph Maynard, Lisa Castonguay, Joseph Rosinski.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESKTOP PUBLISHING I: Louis Conte, Benjamin Lapins, Tara Feeley, Lisa Menzone, Jill Gendron, Kristina Stratos, Michael Kirk.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESKTOP PUBLISHING II: Lisa Menzone.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Anthony Bosini, Rachel Morris, Bryan Lavin, Jennifer Pietroniro, Jeremiah Maloni, Nicole Sausville.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN FINANCE: Shannon Costa, Kelly McNeish, Michael Skala.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MARKETING/STUDENT STORE: Brian Foley.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WORD PROCESSING I: Courtney Adamczyk, Maksim Kizilov, Christina Anderson, Jessica Viecegli, Megan Gaffney.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WORD PROCESSING II: Courtney Adamczyk, Shannon Costa, Maksim Kizilov.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL

TRAINING CENTER AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Bryan Allard.

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Alberto Farradaz.

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT IN BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Patrick Caron.

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

OUTSTANDING COMPUTER PROGRAMMING: Todd Baumann, Corey Hobbs, David Kowalewski.

COPY CENTER AWARDS

Heather Bussiere, James Ingari, Mary-Beth Morrissey, Audrey Gregory, Amanda Menard, Kristina Stratos.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

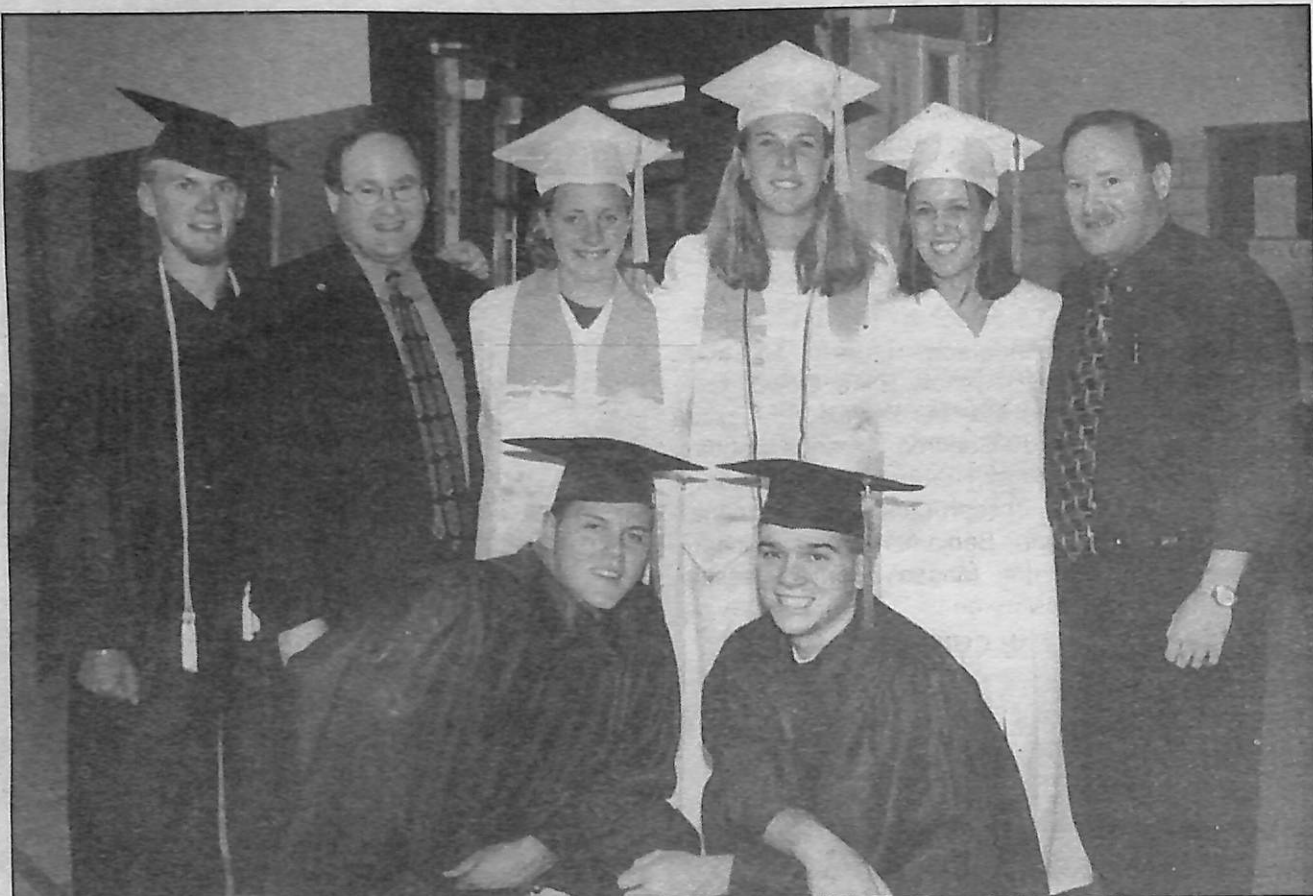
EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH: Nicole Dominick, Sara Gregory, Amy Jensen.

TEEN INK AWARDS FOR THE MOST IMPROVED WRITER IN CREATIVE WRITING: April Carreau, Ellen Nasiatka, Heather Newalu.

HEALTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

EXCELLENCE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

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Mayor Richard A. Cohen (back row, second from the left) and his brother, Agawam High School guidance counselor Alan Cohen (back row, far right), offer their congratulations to some of the members of AHS's class of 2001 during the recently held "Awards Night" at the school. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Beverly Tetreault and Janet Parslow (center), members of the Agawam Lioness Scholarship Committee, are pictured with the four AHS recipients of the club's 2001 scholarship (from left): Jen Pietroniro, Lisa Bienia, Jamie Santos, and Megan Loomis.



From left to right: Mike Tuckey, Scott Letendre, Teresa Kozloski, and Gina Letellier of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee; Timothy Chretien, Democratic Committee scholarship recipient; Mary Manning, chairperson of the Committee; Ashley Guiel, scholarship recipient; and Mary Leahy, Committee member.



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Caitlyn Conte, Stephanie Gumlaw, Melissa Orr, Shannon Costa, Laura LaViolette, Jennifer Pietroniro, Heather Ferguson, Kelly McNeish, Jennifer Plamondon, Megan Gaffney, Jennifer Mercadante, Angelica Porth, Katie Gallagher, Amanda Moquin, Elizabeth Stieg, Gina Goralczyk, Rachel Morris.

EXCELLENCE IN CULINARY ARTS I

Isidro Aguinaga, Christopher Curran, Ashlee Lorraine, Christina Anderson, Lauren DeLuca, Amanda Menard, Alla Belyshev, Erika Dowd, Lisa Menzone, Laura Bucalo, Heather Ferguson, Jessica Moffatt, Bianca Chase, Jill Gendron, Amanda Moquin, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Laurie Halpy, Adam Sprague, Louis Conte, Joseph Lancour, Christopher Tedone, Shannon Costa, Benjamin Lapins, Michael Thomas, Rebecca Crum, Megan Loomis, Jessica Vieceili, Stephanie Cox.

EXCELLENCE IN CULINARY ARTS II

Bianca Chase, Jessica Moffatt, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Adam Sprague, Erika Dowd, Michael Thomas, Ajay Martucci.

EXCELLENCE IN INTERIOR DESIGN

Nicole Sausville, Nicole Soticheck.

EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL FOODS

Jessica Moffatt, Sarah Sorensen, Kristina Stratos.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Nathan Adamski, Adam Ellsworth, Ashlee Lorraine, Philip Sampson, Anthony Albro, Adam Escobar, Ryan Malanson, Krista Sapelli, Nicholas Beaudette, Brandon Farrington, Ellen Nasiatka, Valerie Siedlik, Laura Bucalo, Matthew Francis, Chad O'Kelley, Nicole Soticheck, Joseph Case, Katie Gallagher, Jennifer Pietroniro, Elizabeth Stieg, Louis Conte, Jill Gendron, Jennifer Plamondon, Rebecca Crum, Stephanie Gumlaw, Travis Reed, Peter Drewniak, Ryan Hanley, Stephanie Rondinelli.

HONOR CORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT PINS

ART: David Berube.

BUSINESS EDUCATION: Stephanie Cox.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: James Wisniewski.

ENGLISH: Adam Ellsworth.

HEALTH EDUCATION: Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Erika Dowd.

MATHEMATICS: James Wisniewski.

MUSIC: Michael Federico, Stephanie Rondinelli.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Adam Ellsworth.

SCIENCE: James Wisniewski.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Adam Ellsworth.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION: Nicholas Balboni.

WORLD LANGUAGE: Adam Ellsworth.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS: Corinne Butova, Scott Fleming, James Wisniewski.

MATH TEAM AWARDS: Scott Fleming, Michael Kirk, James Wisniewski.

MATH CLUB AWARDS: Courtney Adamczyk, Heather Crescentini, Janet Jock, Adam Mouneimneh, Todd Baumann, Michael Federico, Lauren Kida, Rebecca Nacewicz, Lisa Bienia, Tara Feeley, Michael Kirk, Emily Norris, Tiffany Blackman, Megan Gaffney, Ryan Lepard, Jennifer Pease, Jenna Bodurtha, Katie Gallagher, Jennifer Leupo, Tara Reilly, Daniel Boissonneault, Jill Gendron, Jana Lohmann, Amy Richards, William Campana, Gina Goralczyk, Sarah Lottermoser, Nicole Sausville, Lisa Castonguay, Ashley Guiel, Jennifer Mercadante, Joanna Surowiec, Timothy Chretien, Eric Hogan, Laura Montagna, Robert Zajac, Shannon Costa, Amy Jensen, Rachel Morris.

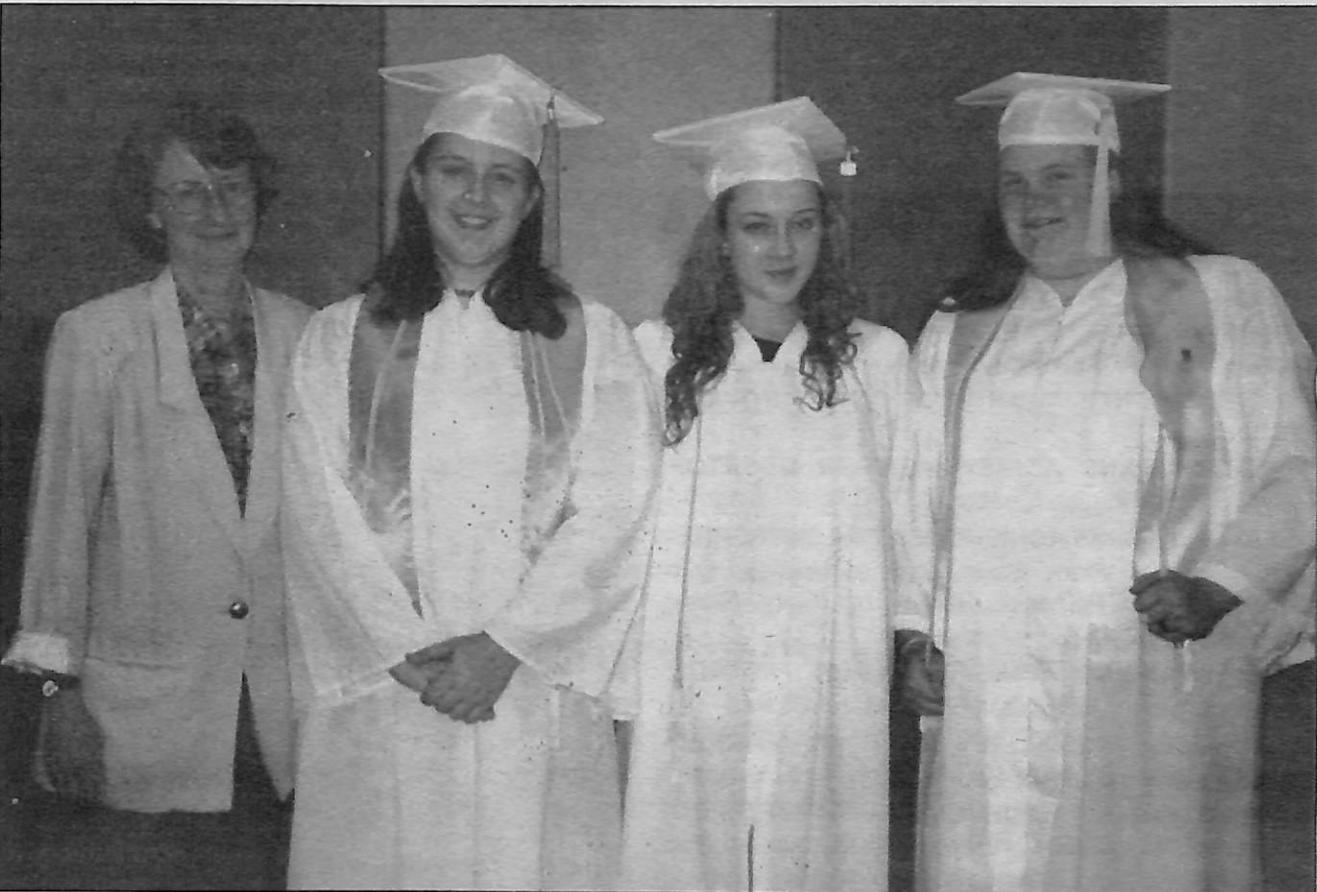
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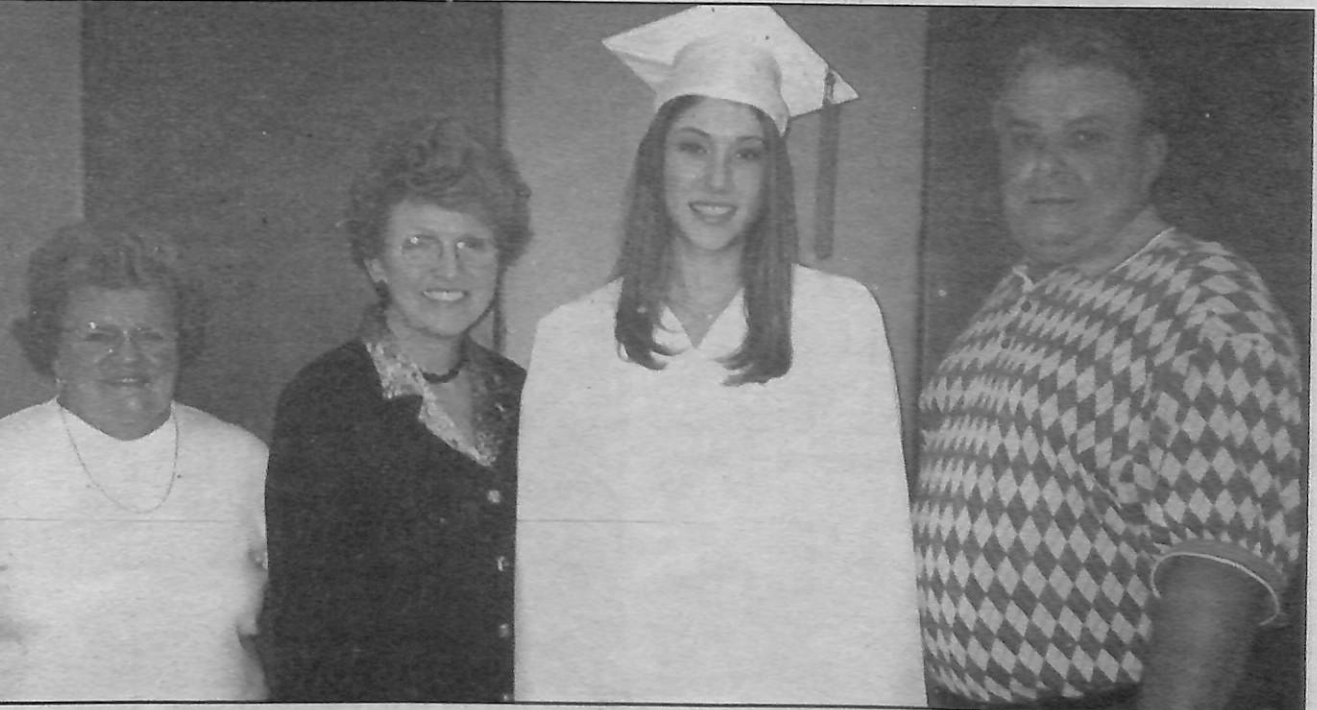
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The recipients of Agawam Junior Women's Club scholarships. From left to right: Junior Women's Club members Donna Shibley and Melody Serafino; scholarship winners Corinne Butova, Anne Shibley, Rebekah Adams, Eric Hogan, Jenna Bodurtha, and Scott Fleming; and Junior Women's Club president Stephanie Bertagnolli. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Mary Ellen Konopka, representing the Agawam High School Band Parents, with the winners of the Anne & Raymond Mansfield Memorial Award: Christina Climo, Stephanie Rondinelli, and Danielle Sienkiewicz. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Danielle Cardin (second from the right), this year's recipient of the Christopher W. Hayes Memorial Scholarship, with members of the scholarship committee: Laura Bouley (Christopher's aunt), Jackie Toussaint (mom), and Bill Hayes (dad). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Campana, Corey Federico, Bryan Lavin, Amy Richards, Gina Castellanos, Michael Federico, Ryan Lepard, Danielle Sienkiewicz, Bianca Chase, Tara Feeley, Jana Lohmann, Joanna Surowiec, Timothy Chretien, Scott Fleming, Meike Mentzel, James Wisniewski, Elizabeth Clark, Gina Goralczyk, Jennifer Mercadante, Robert Zajac, Keegan Clark, Sara Gregory, Steven Messina.

OFFICE AIDE AWARDS

Nathan Adamski, Ashlee Lorraine, Krista Sapelli, Gregory Boisvert, Chad O'Kelley, Valerie Siedlik, Brandon Farrington, Jennifer Plamondon, Nicole Soticheck, Michael Federico, Philip Sampson.

PEER LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Anthony Albro, Peter Drewniak, Ellen Nasiatka, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Racha Lazkani, Melinda Russo, Erika Dowd, Jana Lohmann, Danielle Sienkiewicz.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Danielle Bachini, Keegan Clark, Ashley Guiel, Steven Messina, Lisa Bienia, Christina Climo, Stephanie Gumlaw, Rachel Morris, Tiffany Blackman, Shannon Costa, James Ingari, Adam Mouneimneh, Michelle Blanchard, Heather Crescentini, Amy Jensen, Rebecca Nacewicz, Jenna Bodurtha, Nicole Dominick, Janet Jock, Ellen Nasiatka, Amanda Boissonneault, Peter Drewniak, Lauren Kida, Timothy Ranstrom, Nicholas Brown, Adam Ellsworth, Stephanie Knodler, Amy Richards, Corinne Butova, Corey Federico, David Kowalewski, Danielle Sienkiewicz, William Campana, Michael Federico, Bryan Lavin, Joanna Surowiec, Gina Castellanos, Tara Feeley, Ryan Lepard, James Wisniewski, Bianca Chase, Scott Fleming, Ajay Martucci, Robert Zajac, Timothy Chretien, Gina Goralczyk, Kelly McNeish, Elizabeth Clark, Sara Gregory, Jennifer Mercadante.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING

EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Rebekah Adams, Thomas Farrell, Isidro Aguinaga, Katie Farwell, Nicholas Balboni, Megan Loomis, Pamela Beane, Megan McCormick, April Carreau, Rebecca Morytko, Lisa Castonguay, Adam Mouneimneh, Laurie Chmielewski, Chad O'Kelley, Caitlyn Conte, Melody Pope, Kayla D'Angelo, Jenny Rohan, Robert Doane, Allan Sieracki.

PRO MERITO

Anthony Albro, Heather Ferguson, Maksim Kizilov, Lisa Niedziela, Marjorie Bilodeau, Frank Ferrentino, David Kowalewski, Emily Norris, Jennifer Bishop, Jessica Forni, Joseph Lancour, Melissa Orr, Michelle Blanchard, Megan Gaffney, Laura LaViolette, Jennifer Pietroniro, Amanda Boissonneault, Katie Gallagher, Jennifer Leupo, Stephen Pilegi, Daniel Boissonneault, Jill Gendron, Ashlee Lorraine, Travis Reed, Gregory Boisvert, Stephanie Gumlaw, Sarah Lottermoser, Joseph Rosinski, Anthony Bosini, Ryan Hanley, Gregory Mantolesky, Melinda Russo, Nicholas Brown, Michael Hill, Ajay Martucci, Jamie Santos, Amber Calise, Corey Hobbs, Kelly McNeish, Vilayphong Senthap, Christina Climo, Eric Hogan, Amanda Menard, Elizabeth Stieg, Jessica Coelho, James Ingari, John Minihan, Michael Thomas, Lauren DeLuca, Lindsey Jeserski, Laura Montagna, Michelle Udezue, Liliya Derevyanchuk, Michael Kirk, Amanda Moquin.

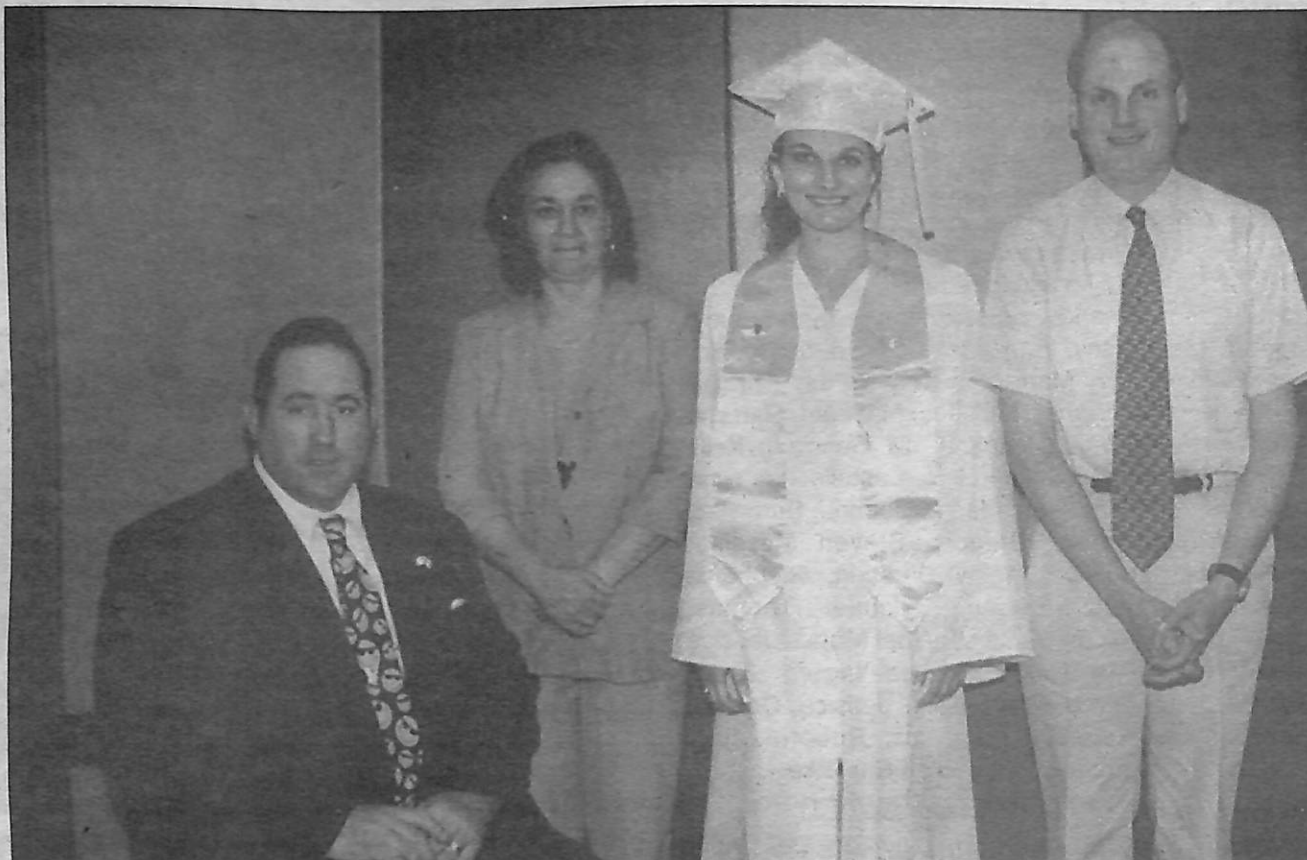
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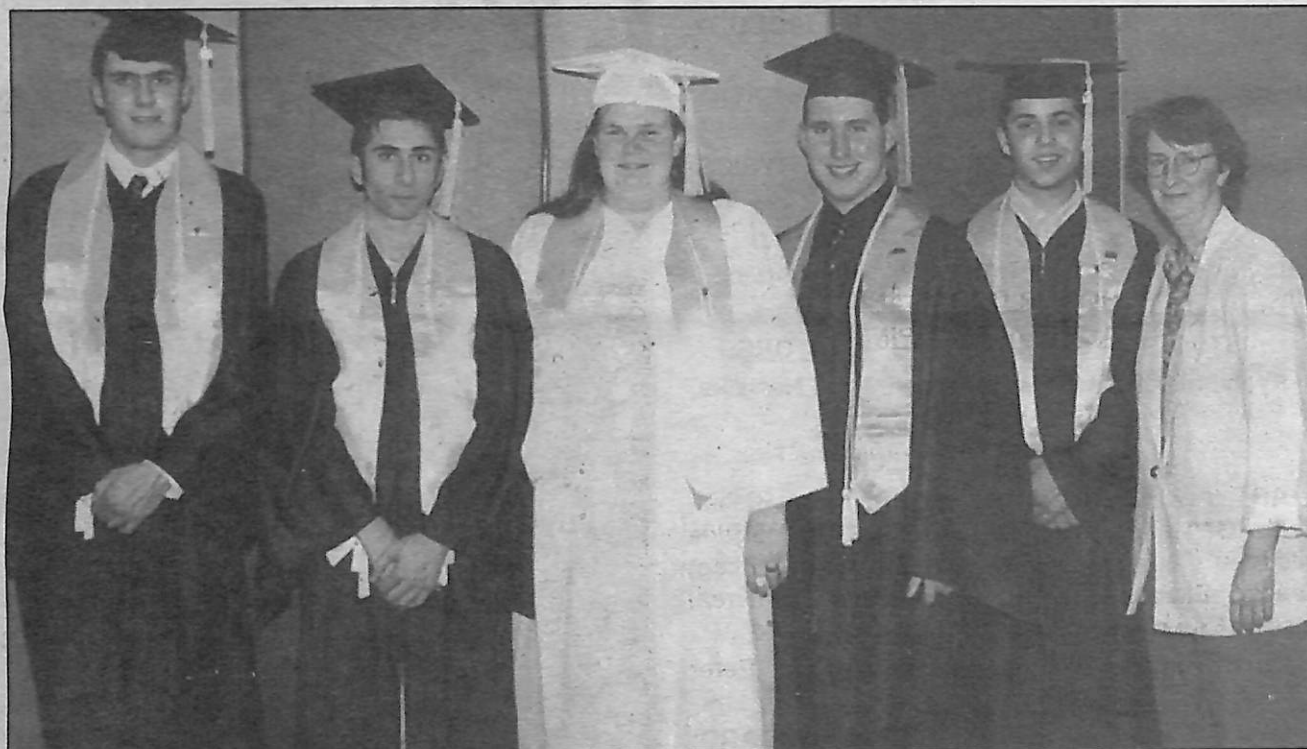
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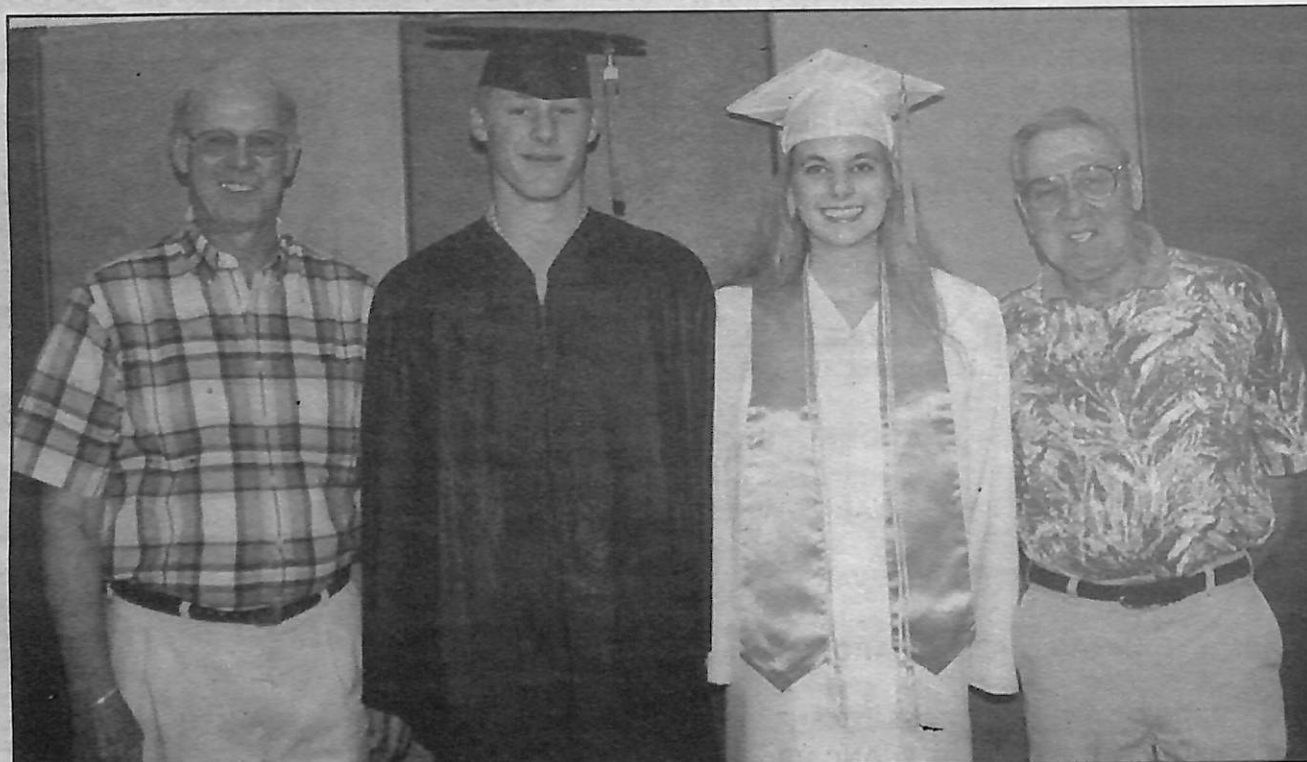
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Gina Goralczyk (second from the right), the winner of the Agawam Sister City Memorial Scholarship, with members of the Sister City scholarship committee: Frank Mazzei, Elaine O'Brien, and Scott Letendre. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



The recipients of Agawam High School Band Parents/Lisa M. Ziegert Band Scholarships. From left: Peter Drewniak, Adam Mouneimneh, Danielle Sienkiewicz, Tony Albro, Mike Federico, and Mary Ellen Konopka (representing the AHS Band Parents). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Ben McCullough (far left) and Matt Blackak (far right) with Brandon Donovan and Amanda Boissonneault, the recipients of the R. Kenneth Grady Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is sponsored by the Agawam Retirees and the Agawam Police Association, Inc. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



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SADD RECOGNITION AWARD

Anthony Albro, Erika Dowd, Amy Richards, April Carreau, Jennifer Mercadante, Melinda Russo, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Melody Pope, Danielle Sienkiewicz.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BIOLOGY:

Amy Jensen.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHEMISTRY:

Scott Fleming.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PHYSICS:

James Wisniewski.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

DAR - GOOD CITIZEN AWARD: Adam Ellsworth.

DAR - U.S. HISTORY AWARD: James Ingari.

STUDENT-TO-STUDENT PEER TUTORS

Ryan Lepard, Adam Mouneimneh, Ellen Nasiatka.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING

ARTS DEPARTMENT

ART ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Lisa Bienia, Katie Gallagher, Jennifer Plamondon, Marjorie Bilodeau, Stephanie Gumlaw, Elizabeth Stieg, Keegan Clark, Mary-Beth Morrissey, Mark Urrea, Jessica Coelho, Jennifer Pease.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR BAND: Peter Drewniak, Danielle Sienkiewicz.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR COLOR GUARD: Stephanie Cox, Melody Pope.

DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR JAZZ: Stephanie Rondinelli.

IMPROVEMENT IN BAND: Rebekah Adams, J. Glenn Hill.

IMPROVEMENT IN COLOR GUARD: Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Ellen Nasiatka.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST MAGAZINE FIRST CHAIR AWARD: Amber Calise, Christina Climo.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST MAGAZINE MUSICIANSHIP AWARD: Timothy Chretien, Stephen Pilegi, Ryan Lepard, Timothy Ranstrom, Steven Messina.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST MAGAZINE NATIONAL BAND SERVICE AWARD: Anthony Albro, Erika Dowd, Pamela Sherry.

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA NATIONAL BAND AWARD: Michael Federico.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD: William Campana.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD: Laurie Chmielewski, Stephanie Rondinelli.

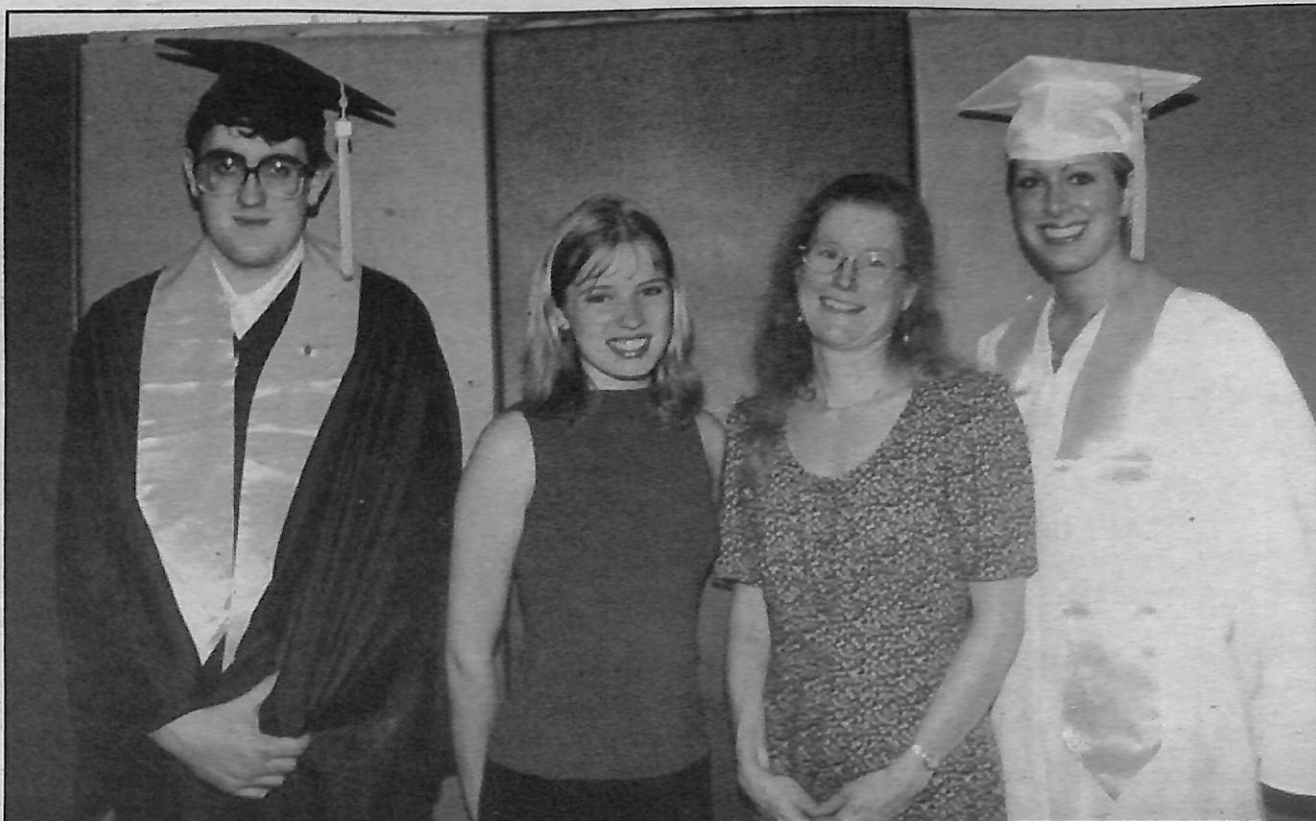
WOODY HERMAN JAZZ AWARD: Marjorie Bilodeau, Adam Mouneimneh.

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LA SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPANICA: Lisa

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Scott Fleming (far left) and Ashley Guiel (far right) are this year's winners of the Barbara Skolnick Scholarship, sponsored by the Robinson Park School PTO. Representing the PTO are Melody Serafino and Stephanie Bertagnolli. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



Louis Conte, Jr. (second from the right) is the 2001 recipient of the Brian Piccolo Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National. Congratulating Conte are (from left) Joe Conte, Jr. of Agawam UNICO, State Representative Daniel Keenan, and Sal Morassi, Jr. of Agawam UNICO.



From left: Joe Conte, Jr., Agawam UNICO; State Representative Daniel Keenan; UNICO scholarship winners Sara Gregory, Becca Nacewicz, Mike Federico, Nicole Dominick, Rachel Morris, Katie Gallagher, and Victoria Conti (West Springfield High School); and Sal Morassi, Jr., Agawam UNICO.

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Bienia, Sara Gregory, Corinne Butova, Ashley Guiel, Gina Castellanos, Ryan Lepard, Nicole Dominick, Jennifer Mercadante, Adam Ellsworth, Robert Zajac, Michael Federico.

SCHOLARSHIPS - CLASS OF 2001

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - ROBERT F. HERSEY, PRESIDENTIAL: Caitlyn Conte, Elizabeth Stieg.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - GERALD J. MASON: Louis Conte.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - EDWARD M. CONNOR: Travis Reed.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - NICHOLAS LASKY: Keegan Clark.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AAA) - PHYLLIS M. MASON: Jill Gendron.

AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Jenna Bodurtha, Davida Flynn.

AGAWAM CHAPTER - UNICO: Gina Castellanos, Nicole Dominick, Michael Federico, Katie Gallagher, Gina Goralczyk, Sara Gregory, Rachel Morris, Rebecca Nacewicz.

AGAWAM CHAPTER - UNICO - BRIAN PICOLO MEMORIAL: Louis Conte.

AGAWAM CHAPTER - UNICO - GRANT: Ellen Nasiatka, Anne Shibley.

AGAWAM CHAPTER - UNICO NATIONAL / PETER CARANDO, SR. MEMORIAL DISTRICT GOVERNORS' SCHOLARSHIP: Nicole Dominick.

AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE: Timothy Chretien, Ashley Guiel.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - DAVID THEODOROWICZ MEMORIAL: Gina Goralczyk.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - 21-WEEK CLUB: Danielle Bachini.

AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB: Jennifer Leupo.

AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB - CHAPTER II MEMORIAL: Timothy Chretien, Jessica Forni.

RUTH BIRCHALL MEMORIAL - AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB: Steven Messina.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS / LISA M. ZIEGERT BAND SCHOLARSHIP: Anthony Albro, Peter Drewniak, Michael Federico, Adam Mouneimneh, Danielle Sienkiewicz.

ANNE & RAYMOND MANSFIELD - MEMORIAL AWARD SPONSORED BY AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS: Christina Climo, Stephanie Rondinelli, Danielle Sienkiewicz.

AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AWARD: Scott Fleming.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB: Rebekah Adams, Jenna Bodurtha, Corinne Butova, Scott Fleming, Eric Hogan, Anne Shibley.

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB: Lisa Bienia, Megan Loomis, Jennifer Pietroniro, Jamie Santos.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP: Corinne Butova, Scott Fleming, Janet Jock, Timothy Ranstrom.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - FREDERICK T. DACEY: Lisa Bienia.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB - HELEN HARDINA NURSING/MEDICAL: Megan Loomis.

AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO: Corey Federico, Michael Federico, Scott Fleming, Eric Hogan.

AGAWAM MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP: Nicole Dominick, Michael Federico, Scott Fleming.

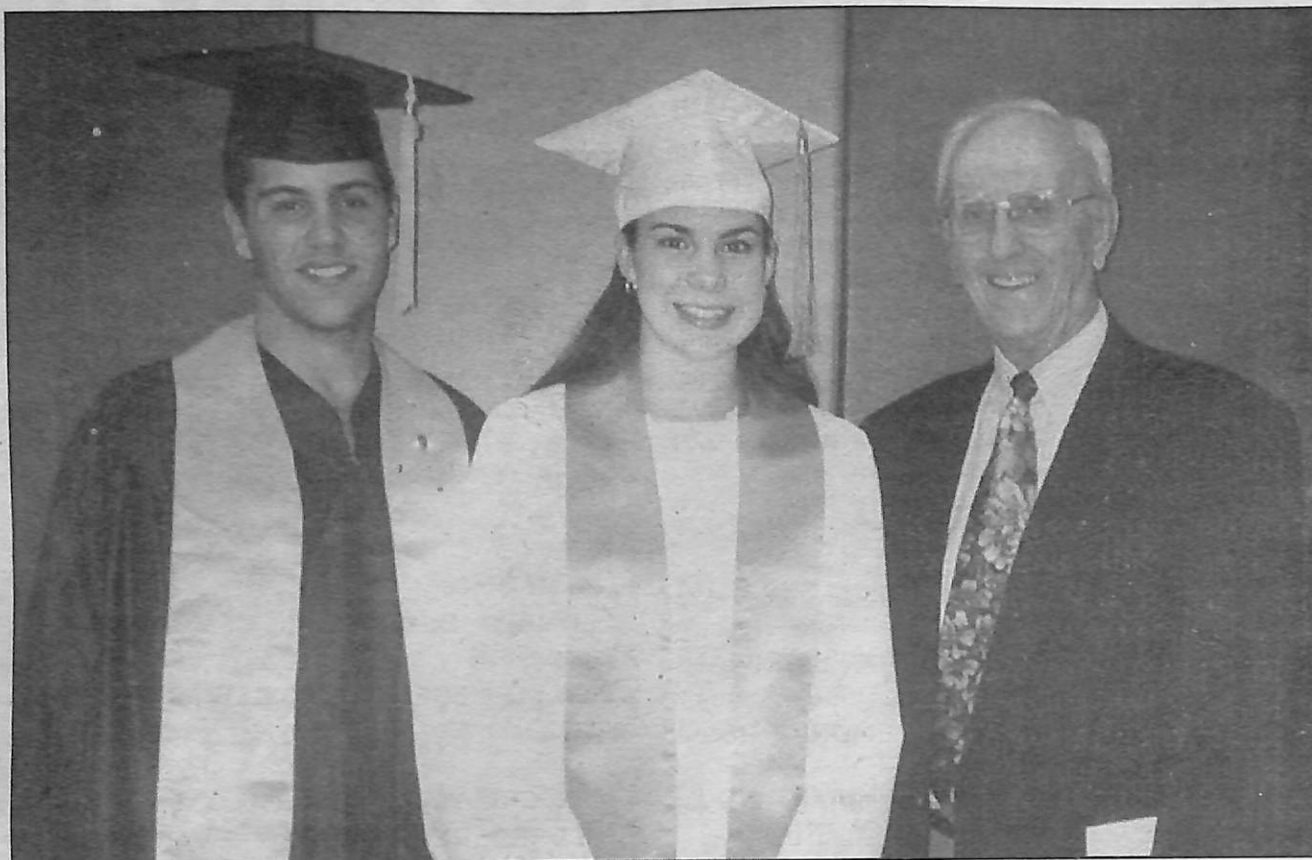
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AGAWAM SISTER CITY MEMORIAL: Gina Goralczyk.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION: Rebekah Adams, William Campana, Keegan Clark, Ashley Guiel, Adam Mouneimneh, Rebecca Nacewicz.

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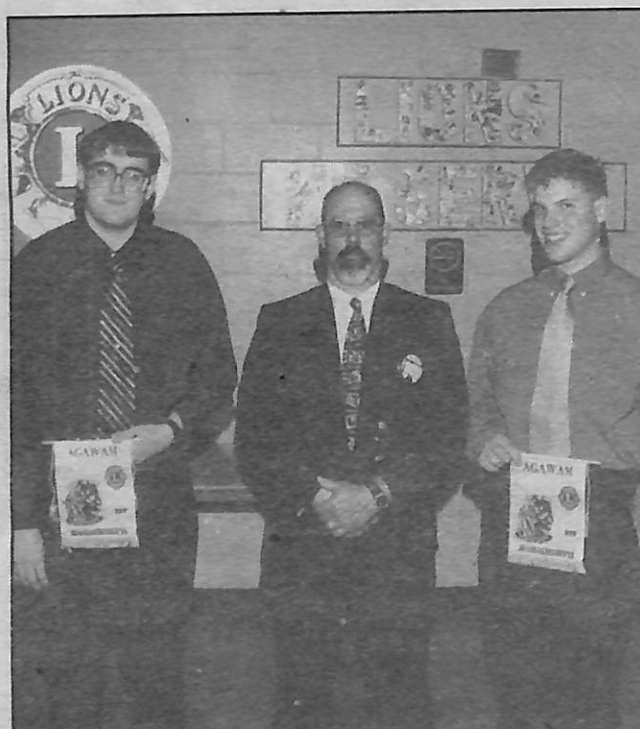
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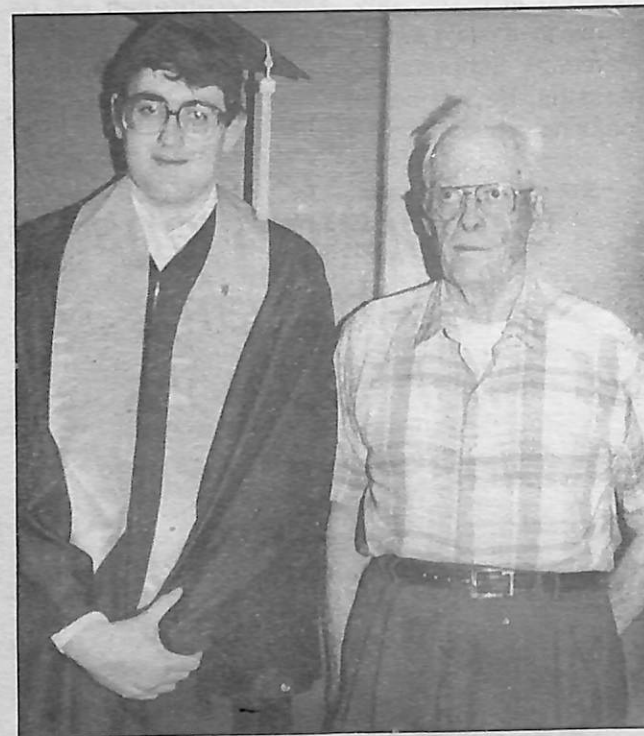
From left: Corey Federico and Heather Ferguson, the 2001 winners of the William J. Miller Scholarship (sponsored by the Benjamin J. Phelps School PTO). Congratulating the students is William J. Miller himself. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Pictured above are several recipients of scholarships sponsored by the Agawam Lions/Lioness Clubs. From left: Lisa Bienia, Scott Fleming, Ray Olson (Lions Club chairman), Megan Loomis, Jim Loomis (Lions Club), Timothy Ranstrom, and Corinne Butova. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Bob Taupier (center), representing the Agawam Lions Club, with general scholarship winners Scott Fleming and Timothy Ranstrom.



Scott Fleming (left) receives the Agawam Historical Association Award from board member Wesley Bradford. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION - RICH PAROLO MEMORIAL: Timothy Chretien.

AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB: Jenna Bodurtha, Gina Castellanos, Michael Federico, Jessica Forni, Davida Flynn, Ashley Guiel, Danielle Sienkiewicz, Joanna Surowiec.

ALPHA CHAPTER DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SCHOLARSHIP & BOOK AWARD (SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN EDUCATORS): Gina Goralczyk.

ANDERSON-MORIN MEMORIAL: Louis Conte, Jennifer Pietroniro.

BARBARA SKOLNICK SCHOLARSHIP: Scott Fleming, Ashley Guiel.

BENJAMIN MOORE MEMORIAL SKI SCHOLARSHIP: William Campana, Timothy Chretien.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM: Brandon Donovan, Robert Zajac.

CHRISTOPHER KINSELLA MEMORIAL: Scott Fleming.

CHRISTOPHER W. HAYES MEMORIAL: Danielle Cardin.

CLIFFORD M. GRANGER PTO: Danielle Bachini, Lauren DeLuca, Nicole Dominick, Jennifer Pietroniro.

CRAIG OWEN WARYASZ MEMORIAL: Anthony LeClair, Rebecca Nacewicz.

DIANA WILLARD HALL MEMORIAL: Amy Jensen.

ERNEST TETREAU WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP: John DeCaro.

FRANK MAZZA SCHOLARSHIP - SPONSORED BY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Lisa Bienia, Adam Ellsworth, Jennifer Pietroniro, Pamela Sherry.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA - BENJAMIN J. PHELPS CLUB: Ashley Guiel, Gina Goralczyk, Jennifer Mercadante, Shannon Costa, Ashlee Lorraine, Megan Loomis, Stephanie Pettazzoni.

GEORGE FONTAINE MEMORIAL WRESTLING: Nicholas Beaudette, John DeCaro, Corey Federico, Aaron Gilbert, Michael Hill, Eric Hogan.

GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH MEMORIAL - AMERI-

CAN LEGION AUX. #185: Janet Jock.

JAMES CLARK SCHOOL PTO: Jenna Bodurtha, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, Rachel Morris, Robert Zajac.

JAY CLARK MEMORIAL - AGAWAM CHAPTER AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (AFS): Jamie Santos.

JILL STEFANIK MEMORIAL: Joanna Surowiec.

JOHN E. HIGGINS, JR. MEMORIAL: Nicholas Broska.

JOHN M. LAZAZZERA MEMORIAL - HOCKEY: Anthony LeClair.

JULIA R. CRAWFORD MEMORIAL: Gina Goralczyk.

KIWANIS CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD/AGAWAM: Rebecca Nacewicz.

LEONARD DESROSIERS MEMORIAL: Adam Sprague.

LISA M. ZIEGERT MEMORIAL FUND: Danielle Cardin, Gina Goralczyk, Jennifer Pietroniro, Anne Shibley.

MARJORIE WARD MEMORIAL: Danielle Cardin.

MILDRED REED ENGLISH AWARD: Corinne Butova.

MINNIE BARDEN MEMORIAL: Brian Borkosky, Aleesha Grimaldi.

WESTBANK BOND AWARD (OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STUDENT) - PARK WEST BANK & TRUST COMPANY: Stephanie Cox.

POLISH-AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM: Anthony Bosini, Brandon Donovan.

R. KENNETH GRADY MEMORIAL - SPONSORED BY AGAWAM RETIREES AND AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION, INC.: Amanda Boissonneault, Brandon Donovan.

RAYMOND HUSSON MEMORIAL: Laura Montagna.

RICHARD J. RIEKER SCHOLARSHIP - JFK COUNCIL #5585, AGAWAM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Nicole Dominick, Janet Jock.

TIMOTHY J. SUNSTROM MEMORIAL: Brandon Donovan, Nicholas Broska.



Janet Jock receives the Gladys Catchepaugh Memorial Scholarship from a representative of the American Legion Auxiliary #185. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

TIMOTHY JOHN BENNETT MEMORIAL - MATH/PHYSICS: James Wisniewski.

WILLIAM J. MILLER SCHOLARSHIP (SPONSORED BY B.J. PHELPS PTO): Corey Federico, Heather Ferguson.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF POLISH-AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM: Nathan Adamski, Gina Goralczyk.

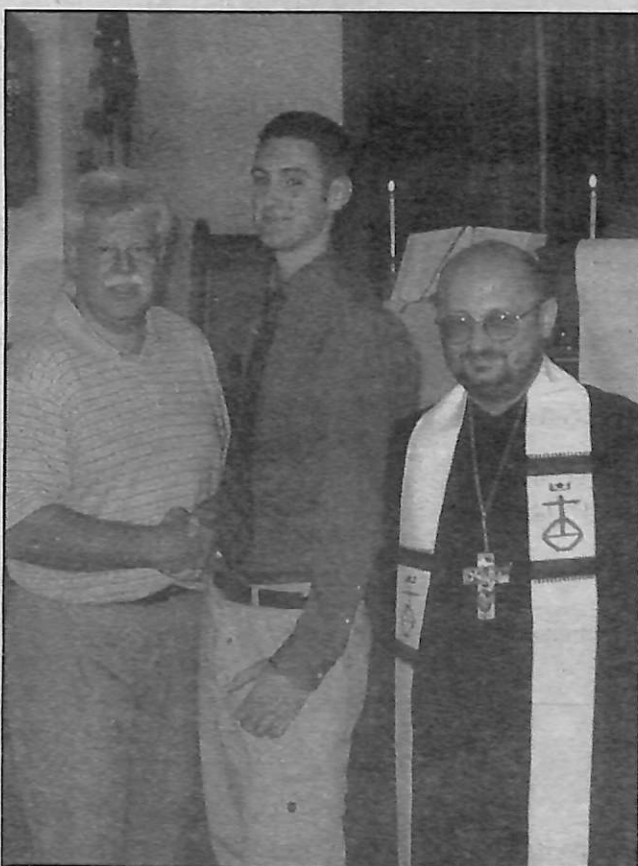
WORONOCO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: Rachel Morris.

Ag. Golden Age Club Chapter 2 awards scholarships

Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter 2 has awarded scholarships to the following students:

Jessica Forni will be attending Siena College, majoring in psychology; **Timothy Chretien** will be attending Ithica Law School; and the Ruth Birchall Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Steven Messina**. He will be attending Worcester Polytech, majoring in mechanical engineering.

*Congratulations
to Agawam
High School's
Class of 2001!!!*

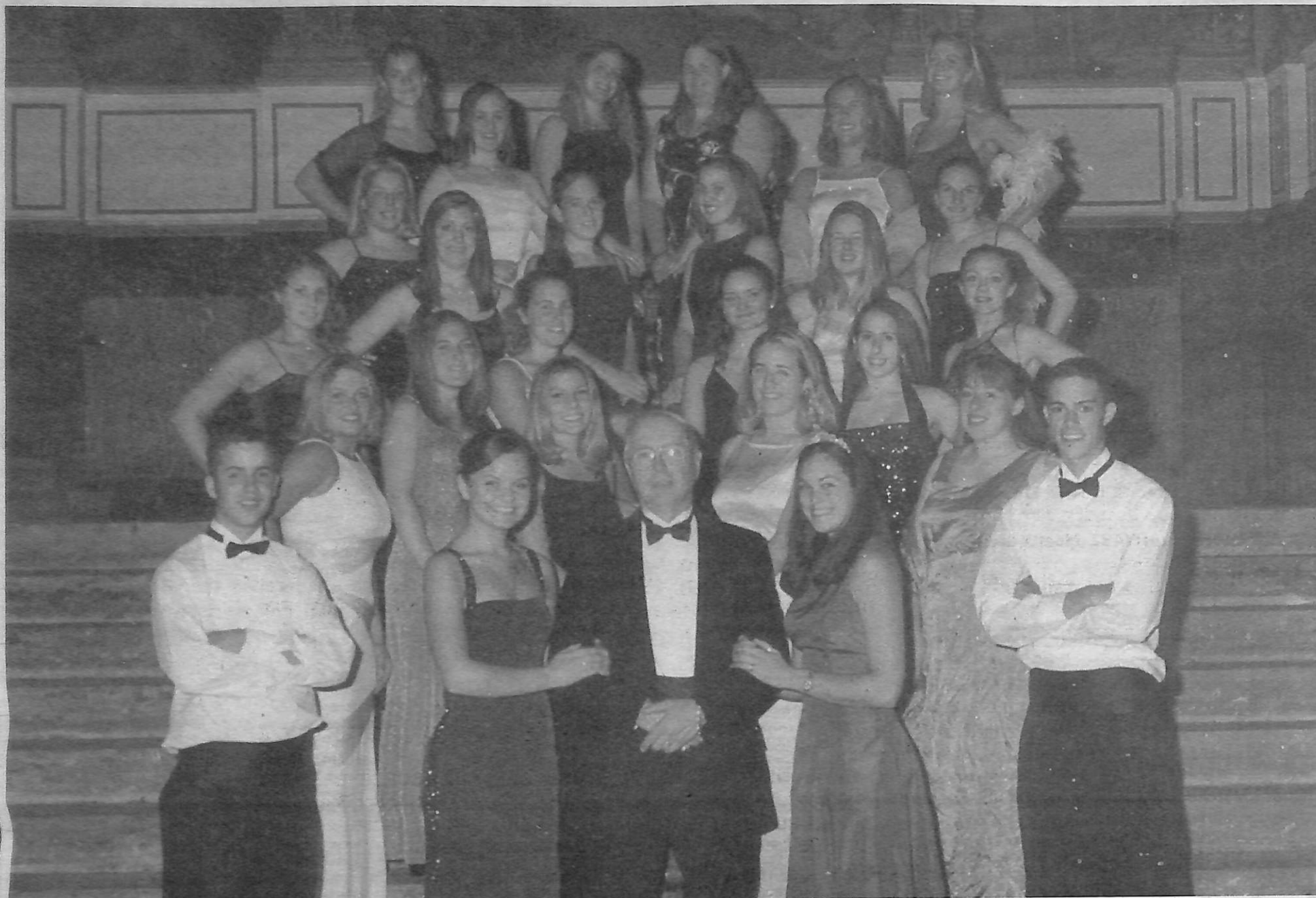


On Sunday, June 10th, Gregory Boisvert (center) received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Church Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Greg will be studying industrial/personal psychology this fall at Bridgewater State College. Pictured above with Greg are Charles Horenstein (left), scholarship committee chairman, and Rev. Rob Donaldson (right), pastor of Feeding Hills Congregational Church.





Agawam Walk of Fame...



To all the local businesses who helped to sponsor the 2000-2001 Sachem Yearbook, we, the Sachem Staff, would like to express our deepest thanks for helping us to produce the most exquisite yearbook in AHS history. Without your continued support, our yearbook would not be what it is today. We are truly honored to be a part of such a supportive town. For helping us to reach star quality, we would now like to turn the spotlight on you:

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Jenna Bodurtha & Joanna Surowiec, Co-Editors; Lauren Kida, Associate Editor; David Pulaski, Advisor

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Elegant 2001 yearbook captures thousands of star-studded moments

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

The Agawam High School 2001 yearbook encapsulates the accomplishments and special memories of the Class of 2001. Bound in black velvet touch, it is probably the most elegant yearbook in New England. The most incredible part is the price: \$29.

Long-time faculty advisor David Pulaski was told by Josten's, its publisher, that they have never seen a yearbook bound with velvet touch. The unmistakable good taste and style of Pulaski permeates its pages as well, for this yearbook will be "The Last Picture Show" for him as yearbook advisor.

As a result not only of his guidance, but also of his impact on the lives of his students, the Class of 2001 surprised Pulaski with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The yearbook theme, "Reach for the Stars," highlighted by an opening page emulating Hollywood's Academy Awards, shows a backdrop of the AHS entrance, with two Oscars superimposed on either side of the arch.

Just below, gown-clad students (the "Stars") stand on a red carpet, as if signing autographs for their "fans" lined up behind the velvet ropes. The yearbook maintains this theme from cover to cover.

The Class of 2001 yearbook is truly a work of art, with die-cut end sheets with, of course, stars. Permission was needed from the Motion Picture Academy to use the images of the Oscars and the photo's theme of carpet, ropes, and impression of a few stars.

The next page offers another unforgettable event and concept when the entire class lined up on the football field and formed one gigantic five-point star. The football field was divided into grids by town workers. Then, using lime, the workers mapped out the shape of the star in proportion to accommodate the number of class members.

Pulaski then had to figure out how far above the field he needed to be with his camera in order to accurately photograph the 2001 star. (It was a good thing he taught math!) It was determined that the distance had to be 105 feet from the ground.

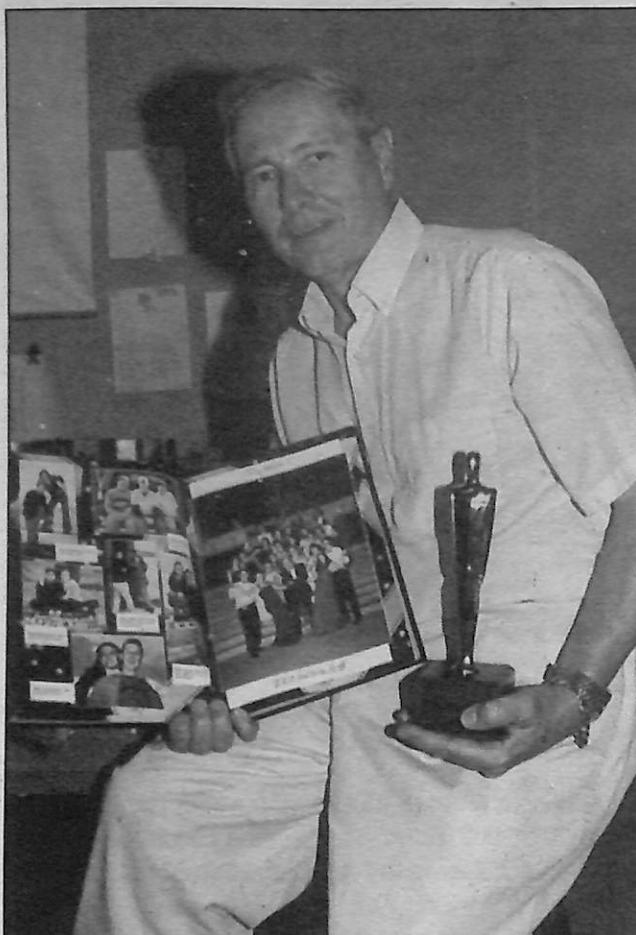
Parent Donna Bodurtha (a 1974 AHS graduate) was able to arrange the use of a snorkel truck provided by the West Springfield Fire Department. While Pulaski and the fireman were in the air, a really crazy cloud formation occurred, full of so much static electricity that all the students' hair stood on end and they could actually see Pulaski's hair 105 feet above them also standing on end.

The adventure reached its pinnacle (no pun) when the truck's ladder jammed and for a few moments, Pulaski wondered if he would ever come back down.

Tremendous effort went into the 2001 yearbook, exemplified by "Playback...2001" on the third page. Because no duplicates of the Oscars from the Academy Awards can be sold, the staff was challenged to find a representative of such a trophy in keeping with their yearbook theme. They found one at Bolduc's in West Side (intended for successful salespeople), but the only problem was the briefcase in its hand.

It took Pulaski a long time, but he was able to grind off the briefcase with a dremel saw, and the end result is convincing.

The Feature Presentation includes photos of 2001 students, some with remarks, against a black backdrop with silver 35 mm film and silver stars. Each page includes thought-provoking quotations from



TOM HANKS, EAT YOUR HEART OUT!
Retiring AHS yearbook advisor David Pulaski proudly holds his "award" and a copy of this year's *Sachem*. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

movies, television shows, Broadway plays, songs, or well-known people, such as "It's something unpredictable, but in the end, it's right. I hope you had the time of your life." The Ballot Box follows, with distinctions like "Class Athletes, Class Artists, Class Mooches, Class Couple, Best All Around, Most Likely To Succeed, Most Mischievous, Best Laughs, Most Likely Never To Be On Time," and many more.

The Paparazzi Page, featuring the 2001 *Sachem* staff, serves to demonstrate the lengths to which Pulaski and his staff were willing to go to round out their theme of "Stars" - they arranged to pose for this photo, dressed in tuxedos and gowns, at the Hippodrome (the old Paramount Theater) in Springfield, with its dramatic artwork and columns.

The next section, done completely as a surprise to Pulaski, is his Lifetime Achievement Award, which features photos of him and by him, on a boat, in the snorkel truck's basket, with the makeshift Oscar, standing on a chair with a camera, and other photos honoring his good-natured determination to turn work into fun.

Some of the lines from his Award read, "Sadly for the staff of AHS and unfortunately for those who will never have a chance to know him, a man who is greatly loved and admired has taken his final bow this year."

"In the year 1963, this man named David E. Pulaski embarked on a journey that would take him places he could have never imagined. In these past 38 years, he has defined what *Sachem* and AHS teaching stand for...Smiles still remain on the faces of former students at the thought of his comedic actions due to his eclectic sense of humor...he is always ready to go the extra

mile.

"On behalf of the students whose lives you've touched, we would like to present you with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** for your dedication and talent in the works in which you have committed countless hours over the course of your career here at AHS.

"We love you with all our hearts and thank you for showing us that life is completely unpredictable. There are risks we sometimes have to take and not knowing what will happen in the end is what makes life worth living. Good luck. And always remember to follow the 'stars.'"

Next comes a page resembling the sheets from the Academy Awards which hold the winners' names. This page is called "And The Winner Is..." and includes favorites of the senior class by vote, such as "With Open Arms" by Creed (song), D.M.B. (band), Eminem (singer), Elmo (Sesame Street character), Goofy (Disney character), Friendly's (restaurant), and many other "faves."

The following page, called "Can I Have Your Autograph?," looks like a scroll, with nicknames of almost everyone in the Class of 2001.

Bloopers Pages cover every event from going to the beach to head-banging on the wall, to sky-diving, making faces, hugging, dancing, and other activities.

The Credit Pages list names, addresses, birth-dates, nicknames, and activities bordered with film strips of students in various poses and at a variety of ages. Then more bloopers, followed by words from "The Directors" - Jenna Bodurtha and Joanna Surowiec, who co-edited *Sachem*, and Lauren Kida, who was associate editor.

The Production Staff includes photos of administrators, secretaries, guidance counselors, teachers of English, math, history, science, world language, physical education, Special Education, art, library, music, technology, business, computers, family and consumer science, and English As A Second Language.

The Substance Abuse Prevention coordinator, psychologist, nurse, cafeteria staff, and custodians are all included with photos as well.

And more bloopers....underclassmen...bloopers...and Stunt Doubles. Throughout this section, every page has one photo which offers a list of possible descriptions for "What's Going On Here?"

Also, local cartoonist Elizabeth Stieg from the Class of 2001 sketched an Indian dressed for each sport, including cheerleading.

There's a Special Effects Section with photos from the prom, school dances, Top 40, the Kid Party, and other memorable events, followed by Soundtrack and Set Design, Promotional Staff, and a brand new section called "Write Now!" that offers the class a chance to record their current facts and favorites, to capture now, to remember forever.

The Class of 2001's *Sachem* is composed of 336 pages, a large number in full color, and is the biggest yearbook Agawam has ever produced. The cost of \$29 per book is so low due to defrayed expenses thanks to advertisers and senior salutes, which are tributes to seniors from their parents.

This Class of 2001 *Sachem* is not only a remembrance of the many honors and happenings of this class, but also a work of art that every student and every family will want, now and in the years to come.

Congratulations to the Agawam High School Class of 2001. Good luck on all your future endeavors!!!





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Class of 2001 formed strong unification

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Teacher Kathleen Mounemneh, one of two faculty advisors to the Agawam High Class of 2001 (the other was Scott Trahan), found that this class, more than most others, had a unity and togetherness through their four years together.

"This trait seemed unique to this class," Mrs. Mounemneh told us. "They have blended and meshed together like no other class I have seen. There were still little cliques, but as a group, the barriers weren't there around those cliques. Instead, they worked as a group."

She attributes part of this to the fact that the same officers served throughout the four years. The officers were Michael Federico, president; Jenna Bodurtha, vice-president; Lisa Bienia, secretary; and Lauren Kida, treasurer.

Mrs. Mounemneh also remarked that wherever they went as a group, people commented on what nice kids they were.

She also praised them highly for their punctuality. "If they were told to be somewhere at a certain time, they were usually early."

The 2001 **Sachem** is the "Last Picture Show" for advisor David Pulaski, who worked with the yearbook staff of 30 classes. The Class of 2001 surprised him with a "Lifetime Achievement Award," writing, "He has used his brilliant ingenuity to create his own unique teaching style, leaving the lessons he taught everlasting in the minds of young adults."

The Class of 2001 was afforded the distinct honor of posing as a configured five-point star, while Pulaski was elevated in the basket of a fire department ladder truck to the height of 105 feet. This turned into a "hair-raising" experience for all concerned, because a weird cloud formation swirled above with so much static electricity, the hair on everyone's head literally stood on end. The kids on the ground could actually see Mr. Pulaski's hair standing out.

As if that were not memorable enough, the ladder truck would not descend for a few moments, and Pulaski and the fireman briefly contemplated the consequences of being trapped up yonder with all that static electricity just overhead.

"Reach for the Stars" is the theme not only of the yearbook, but also of the class itself. This is a most impressive group of young adults. Jenna Bodurtha, vice-president, expressed it this way: "Every individual in the Class of 2001 brings to it something unique and special. That's what makes us so exceptional."

They were the first class to graduate in the new millennium, the one which was supposed to be devastated by Y2K! During their stay, Agawam High School underwent major reconstruction with the addition of the new wing, in preparation for accreditation. Agawam beat West Springfield on the first Thanksgiving that the Class of 2001 was at the High School.

As sophomores, additional sports were added to the roster of choices, such as girls' cross country, volleyball, and indoor track.

The Agawam band was victorious at Boston University, and the class was one of the first to take trial MCAS tests. The Class of 2001 had the first-ever "ring breakfast." The Brownies once again beat West Springfield in the junior year of the Class of 2001.

As part of the entire student body, the Class of



CORINNE BUTOVA



NICOLE DOMINICK

The "Val" and "Sal" of the Class of 2001

Corinne Butova, the daughter of John and Karen Butova of 587 Barry St., Feeding Hills, was named the valedictorian of the Agawam High School Class of 2001.

While at AHS, Corinne was a member of the track team for three years, was captain of the field hockey team, was editor of the MIRROR, and was Student Government president.

She was also a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and the Quill & Scroll.

Corinne was awarded scholarships from the Agawam Jr. Women's Club, the Agawam Lions Club, Big Y, and the Mildred Reed Memorial English Award.

She is the granddaughter of Irene Bielanko of Suffield, Connecticut and Ann & Edward Butova of Chicopee. Corinne has two brothers, John and Cam.

She will be attending Holy Cross in Worcester this fall.

Nicole Dominick, the daughter of Ralph and Margaret Dominick of 66 Independence Rd., Feeding Hills, was named the AHS Class of 2001 salutatorian.

While at Agawam High, Nicole was a member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams. She was also a member of National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, Quill & Scroll, the Shakespeare Society, Student Government, and the Sachem yearbook staff.

Nicole was the recipient of the Brown University Book Award, the Russell Sage National Merit Scholar Award, the Nancy Bazanchuk "Never Give Up, Never Give In" field hockey award, and was named to "Who's Who Among High School Stud-ents."

She will be attending Holy Cross in Worcester this fall.

2001 raved on for the varsity cheerleaders, who, as state champions, competed in the Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

Agawam High School won four medals in Academic Decathlon and won first place in the Latin Certamen at UMass Amherst.

The Class of 2001 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Boston Harbor as they contemplated their final year at AHS.

Along with the fun and excitement of dances and the prom, came adjustments to new rules, such as "no hats" and locked school doors for safety and security in the schools.

The Class of 2001 took part in the first-ever "Powder Puff Football Game" and a Mr. Agawam Pageant.

The 2001 valedictorian is Corinne Butova and the 2001 salutatorian is Nicole Dominick. The two girls have been jokingly referred to as "the same person," and will attend the same college: Holy Cross in Worcester. They are both pre-med majors with concentrations in biology. They even formed a band in chemistry class called "Bond," using only instruments from the chemistry lab!

Senior Danielle Bachini composed the article about the valedictorian and salutatorian for the **Mirror**.

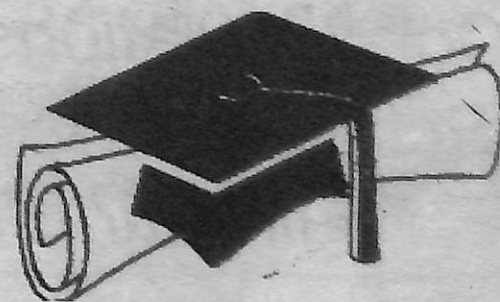
In April 2001, the last Vaudeville for the seniors

took place. An article written by Jess Forni of '01 appeared in the **Mirror** and captured the nostalgia: "On April 11th, the curtain went down for the last time for the many Seniors who have spent the last four years entertaining AHS with their talents at the Vaudeville shows. The list includes singers such as Laurie Chmielewski and Steph Rondinelli, who have amazed us with their astonishing talents since we were freshmen, and also senior rookies such as Mike Federico (who, by the way, **should** have also spent the last four years in the Vaudeville stage.).....I have watched in amazement the talented students of AHS portray such integrity while doing what they love to do.

"Whether it be singing, dancing, or instrumental talent, the Class of 2001 has played a major role in the success of the shows throughout our high school years.....Most of the fans, as well as the performers, always enjoyed the thrill and excitement of the Vaudeville and Top 40 Shows. They have brought us memories we will remember as some of the best times we have had at AHS."

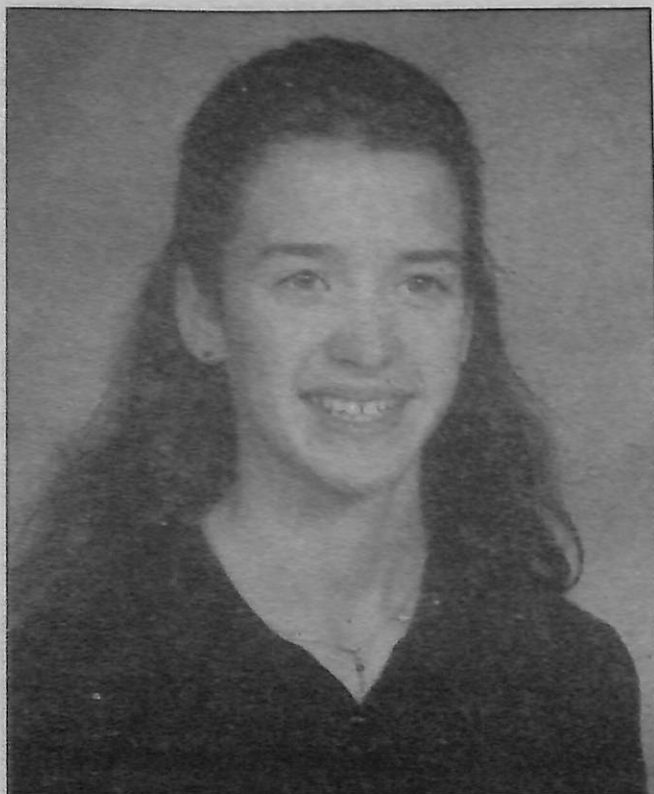
The Class of 2001 leaves Agawam High School a better place. They have served as positive, healthy role models for other students, and in many ways, their efforts have brought the community closer to the circle of their unity. To learn where these creative and ambitious students are headed, the **Agawam High School Mirror**, May 2001, includes a Senior Directory of destinations, with photos by the Yearbook staff.

Congratulations to the Agawam High School Class of 2001!





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JANA TENCATI

Jana Tencati graduates from Westminster H.S.

Jana Tencati of Southwick has graduated magna cum laude from Westminster High School in Simsbury, CT. In the fall, she will begin attending the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

At Westminster, Tencati received the "Most Valuable Player" award for the girls' lacrosse team.

She is the daughter of Steven Tencati and Lisa Hunter, both of Southwick. Her grandmother is Patricia Tencati of Feeding Hills.

Exposition Area Scholarship Fund awards \$9,200

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund has awarded \$9,200 in scholarships to 22 area students for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Among this year's award recipients are four students who received special memorial awards administered by the scholarship fund, including **Jessica Forni** of Agawam High School. A 2001 graduate of AHS, she received the Thomas Gamelli Memorial Award, which is given to a student meeting scholarship fund qualifications.

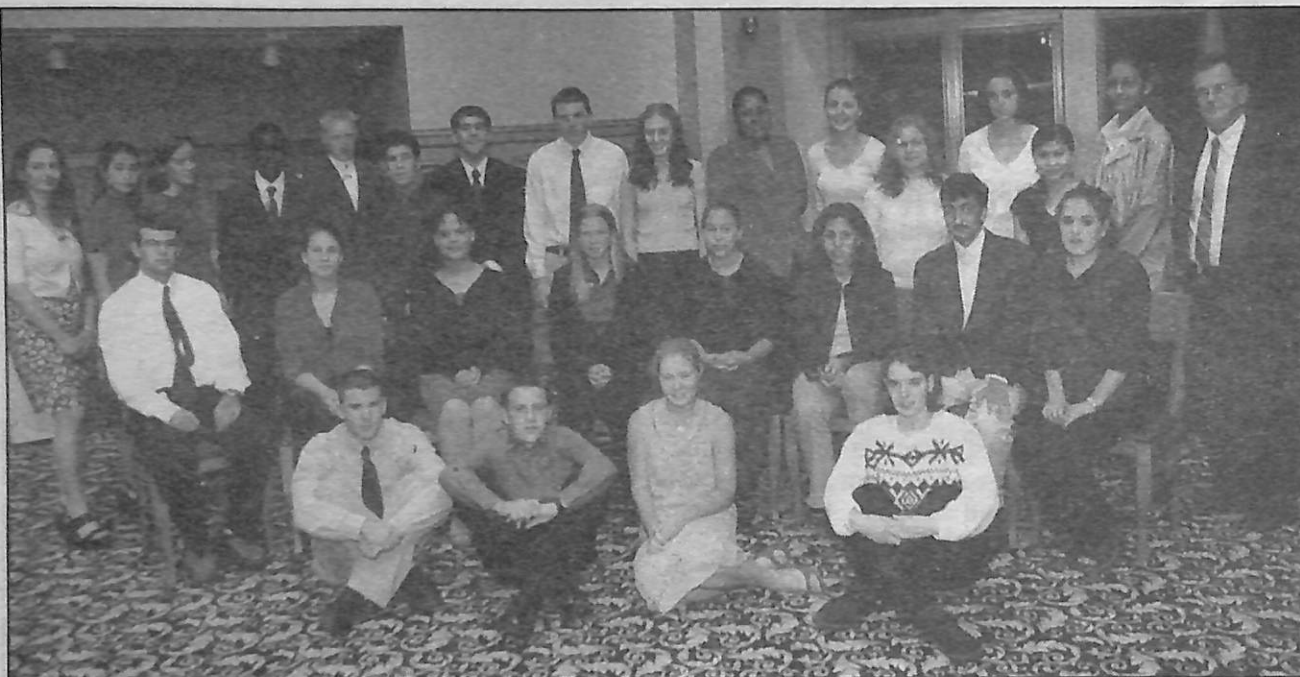
The Exposition Area Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$300,000 to hundreds of students with ties to the Exposition Area since its founding in 1960.

The scholarship fund's primary fundraiser, a golf tournament, will be held this year on June 24th at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, with dinner following the tournament at the Dante Club. For information about the tournament, call Adrienne Frasco at 786-0093.

Agawam residents receive diplomas from Suffield Acad.

The following Agawam students received their diplomas at Suffield Academy's 168th Commencement exercises last month:

Melissa Ann Knight, Brandon Christopher Orsatti, and Jeffrey Hamal Rivkin.



The 2001 recipients of the various Walter S. Barr scholarships (administered by the Horace Smith Fund) were honored at a reception held on the campus of Bay Path College in Longmeadow. Nicole M. Dominick, a recent graduate of Agawam High School, was among this year's recipients.

Horace Smith Fund grants \$107,500 in college aid to Hampden County students

The Horace Smith Fund, founded in 1899 by the estate of Smith & Wesson co-founder Horace Smith, has awarded \$107,500 in college scholarships to 34 Hampden County high school seniors, and for the first time nine college students currently attending college.

Scholarship winners were honored recently at an event sponsored by the Smith Fund and held at Bay Path College. State Senator Linda Melconian and Dr. Carol Leary, President of Bay Path College, spoke to attendees of the event.

The Smith Fund - through its Walter S. Barr Scholarship - granted 34 renewable college scholarships of \$2,500 each (totaling \$85,000 in aid) to graduating high school seniors from throughout Hampden County.

Among those high school seniors was **Nicole M. Dominick** of Agawam High School.

Providing that a student maintains at least a B

average in college, the scholarship totals \$10,000 over four years to each Smith Fund recipient.

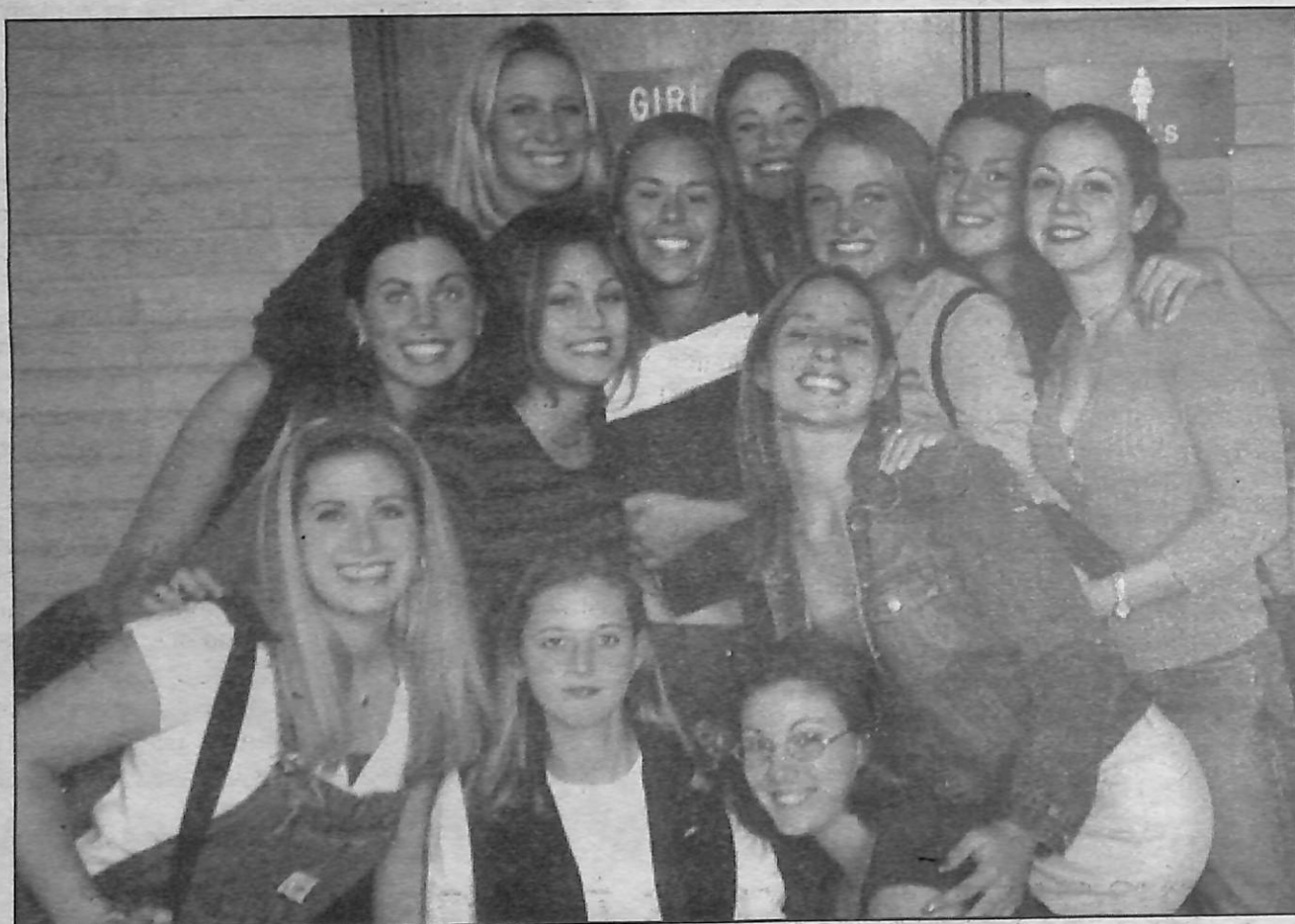
Students are selected on a variety of criteria, including their SAT scores, class rank, extracurricular activities, and a written personal account which outlines why a student feels he or she is deserving of the financial assistance.

Recipients are selected by a five-member committee comprised of individuals with experience in the field of education.

All high school graduates from Hampden County are eligible to apply to the fund that offers Walter S. Barr Scholarships, Walter S. Barr College Scholarships, and Walter S. Barr Fellowships.

Walter S. Barr was a successful West Springfield businessman in the early 1900s. Upon his death, his wife channeled money from his estate into the Smith Fund to assist those furthering their education.

All smiles for the Class of 2001



CLASS OF 2001 members Sarah Lottermoser, Ashlee Lorraine, Rachel Lara, Aimee Piccin, Liz Harper, Megan Loomis, Carey Baum, Leila Sekkal, Janet Jock, Ashley Guiel, Christina Anderson, and Angela Whitney are all smiles as graduation time approached.



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Agawam Athletic Assoc. scholarship recipients

The Agawam Athletic Association (AAA) again has presented scholarships to a group of deserving Agawam High School Class of 2001 members.

Named the recipient of the Association's "Gerald J. Mason Memorial Scholarship" was Louis Conte. Mason was the Association's founder and long-time president. Conte was a three-sport star at AHS, playing football, basketball, and baseball. He was First Team All-Western Mass. in football last fall.

Jill Gendron received the Association's next scholarship, the "Phyllis Mason Scholarship." Mrs. Mason was the Association's secretary for many years. Gendron was a three-sports star at AHS, including soccer, basketball, and softball. She was a three-time All-Western Mass. shortstop for the Brownies softball program.

Keegan Clark, who started for the girls' varsity basketball team as well as the softball team, was the recipient of the "Nicholas Lasky Memorial Scholarship." Lasky was instrumental in the founding of the AAA, serving on its executive board. He also coached in the AAA's former baseball program.

Elizabeth Stieg and Caitlyn Conte received the "Robert F. Hersey Presidential Scholarship." Hersey was also a founder of the AAA, as well as being a coach for many years and is the Association's current president. Stieg was a three-year member of the girls' varsity basketball team who also played tennis and volleyball for the school. Caitlyn Conte was a cornerstone at third base for the softball Brownies the past few seasons.

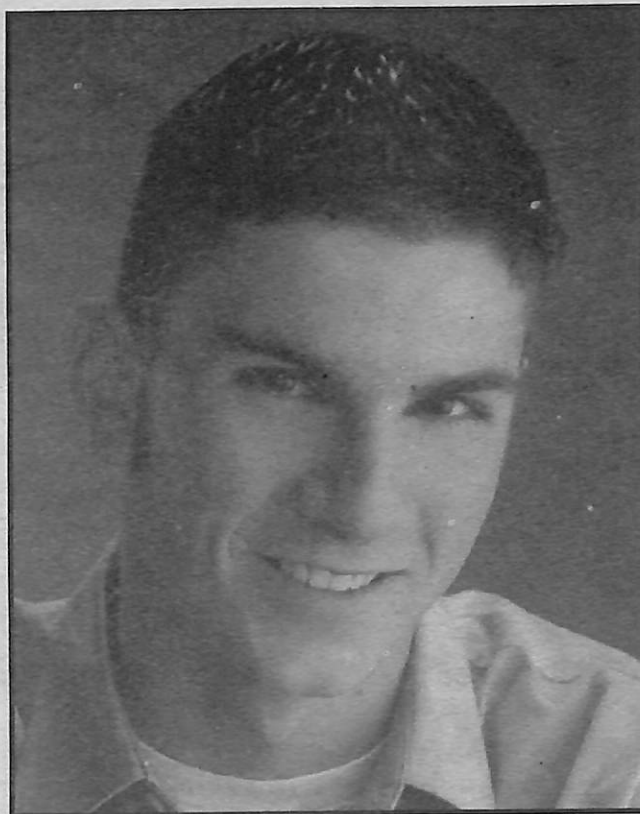
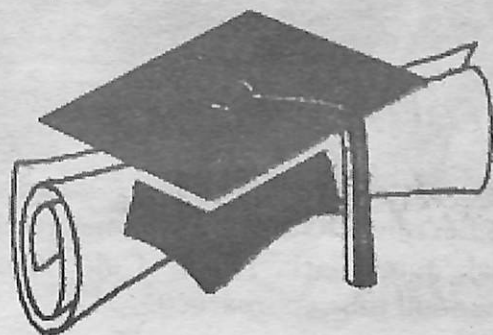
Travis Reed, a varsity boys' swimmer, was named the winner of the "Edward M. Connor Scholarship." Connor was also one of the founders of the AAA who served on the board of directors and executive board for many years.

AHS Senior Honor Roll for 4th quarter

Anthony Albro, Danielle Bachini, Nicholas Beaudette, Marjorie Bilodeau, Tiffany Blackman, Michelle Blanchard, Jenna Bodurtha, Amanda Boissonneault, Anthony Bosini, Corinne Butova, Amber Calise, Gina Castellanos, Lisa Castonguay, Bianca Chase, Timothy Chretien, Elizabeth Clark, Keegan Clark, Christina Climo, Jessica Coelho, Shannon Costa, Heather Crescentini, Nicole Dominick, Peter Drewniak.

Adam Ellsworth, Michael Federico, Tara Feeley, Scott Fleming, Jessica Forni, Katie Gallagher, Jill Gendron, Gina Goralczyk, Sara Gregory, Stephanie Gumlaw, Michael Hill, Eric Hogan, Amy Jensen, Lauren Kida, Michael Kirk, Maxim Kizilov, Stephanie Knodler, Bryan Lavin, Laura Laviolette, Ryan Lepard, Jana Lohmann, Jeremiah Maloni, Elizabeth Maynard.

Kelly McNeish, Lisa Menzone, Jennifer Mercadante, Amanda Moquin, Rachel Morris, Rebecca Nacewicz, Ellen Nasiatka, Lisa Niedziela, Jennifer Pietroniro, Jennifer Plamondon, Timothy Ranstrom, Amy Richards, Jenny Rohan, Melinda Russo, Jamie Santos, Danielle Sienkiewicz, Allan Sieracki, Sarah Sorensen, Elizabeth Stieg, Joanna Surowiec, Christopher Tedone, James Wisniewski, Robert Zajac.



LOUIS CONTE



JILL GENDRON



KEEGAN CLARK



ELIZABETH STIEG



CAITLYN CONTE



TRAVIS REED

Congratulations to the Agawam High School Class of 2001



Graduation 2001

David Pulaski leaves behind immeasurable memories

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

There are a few ways to become acquainted with Agawam High's long-time yearbook advisor David Pulaski, if one has not already had this singular pleasure.

The first way would be to talk to his current students; the next would be to talk to all of the AHS students; then next would be to talk with his associates and friends; and after that, talk with just about everyone who lives here and many who did so in the past!

There is scarcely a life involved with AHS which has not been touched somehow by Pulaski's genius with the camera or by his witty observations about living life.

Agawam is one of the few schools which still includes senior captions; other schools have ceased due to a few mean-spirited individuals who disguised ethnic slurs or other insults in their words.

This year's *Sachem* also gave teachers and administrators the same opportunity to be quoted, and Pulaski's quote tells a lot about the kind of person he is: "01 - the class with class! Remember, it's the journey, NOT the destination. This is NOT a dress rehearsal. You're on stage NOW, so cause laughter when you can, nobody ever died from it!"

Joanna Surowiec '01 wrote an article titled "Pulaski leaves as a legend" for the Agawam High School *Mirror*, stating, "Mr. Pulaski has managed to separate himself from other teachers. He has made his teaching unpredictable and funny with his wacky sense of humor. Anything that could keep kids interested, from frogs to silly string, and even corny jokes, has kept students sitting at the edge of their seats."

And 2001 class president Mike Federico wrote a letter to Pulaski and ran it in the *Mirror*: "I thank you for myself and on behalf of all the students who have ever come in contact with you. You are a role model, teacher, and most importantly, a friend to us all. I will never forget you!"

Pulaski has informed the School Department that he will be available to help the 2002 staff and advisor next year, and for this reason, many will breathe a sigh of relief.

He has guided yearbook staffs to produce 30 yearbooks during his 38 years of teaching, taking at least 90 percent of the photos appearing in these yearbooks and coming up with thousands of ways to depict themes through dress, background, geometric forms, and other environmental touches. He is virtually irreplaceable.

After graduating from Lowell Technological Institute in industrial management (now called industrial management and technology), Pulaski began teaching.

In 1963, a period he refers to as "The Sputnik Era" (Sputnik was a Russian-built satellite, one of the first to successfully revolve around the earth), schools were happy to find a person from engineering who was willing to teach, so Pulaski was able to start teaching before getting education credits or completing any practice teaching.

Instead, the first few months counted as practice teaching and it was understood that within the next few years, he would get his master's degree in education. He was originally hired to teach math and science at the Agawam Junior High, but about two weeks before school opened, a math teacher at the High School needed to be replaced, so Pulaski accepted a position as an algebra and geometry teacher.

"I feel I ended up in the right place," he said. He later earned his master's from Westfield State in



DAVID PULASKI stands ready to take pictures of the 2001 prom-goers. He will be retiring from teaching this year, but expects to continue taking prom photos. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

1965. While he has enjoyed teaching math subjects, his greater life force has gone into (and come out of) the work with the yearbook students.

He has touched untold numbers of lives, capturing people at their worst and at their best, but always allowing them to see their potential for being someone wonderful.

The man himself has become an icon, a legend in his time; his work represents an ideal for which to strive, capturing every special event from the past several decades.

In addition to the thousands and thousands of candid Pulaski has done for the yearbooks, he has generously contributed his work over the years to the Agawam High School *Mirror*, The Agawam Advertiser News, to programs for Darcy Davis' (former music director) many musical productions, and to any other people or publications in need of good photography. Most parents know his work through the wonderful portraits he has taken at their children's proms, and many remember him from their own prom.

His publishers told him that his 30 years as a yearbook advisor give him the greatest longevity of any yearbook advisor they know. His candid photos for the yearbook have spanned from magic moments to mundane minutes. It's hard to think of an activity that was not memorialized by Pulaski.

A way to appreciate his creative genius would be to visit the Agawam Library and look at a few of the 30 *Sachems* from 1970 through 2001.

"Every yearbook had a theme that ran constantly throughout the yearbook," he explained. "The theme was one of the first things the editors and I would establish."

Although he feels that the 2001 yearbook has been the pinnacle of his years as advisor, every yearbook was a work of art in its own right.

"There has never been a yearbook staff I did not love," Pulaski said. "A few years ago, the yearbook staff surprised me. They brought in my first editor-in-chief, a woman named Carol. She worked with them side-by-side for several days, comparing the 1970s to the 1990s through fads and fashions."

Pulaski also served as advisor to the photography club. He won first place in a national contest in the 1970s. "The contest was run by AGFA film. My photo was of a bicycle leaning up against an old building, completely covered with solid ice and snow. The photo was in black and white," he recalled.

As a photographer, Pulaski seems willing to do almost anything to capture the concepts of his creative shots. He once was taking photos at a hockey game at the old Colosseum at the Eastern States grounds.

"I had to stand with my head above the plexiglass because they had not yet put holes in the plexiglass to prevent cameras and heads from getting hit. Agawam was skating and I was shooting. I suddenly heard the crowd gasping, felt a breeze and heard a whooshing sound, and the puck passed not six inches from my ear. Luckily for everyone else, the puck landed in the empty bleachers behind me and no one got hurt."

Then there is the story of the aerial shot for one of the classes in the 1970s: "A former student who had become a pilot flew me in a Cessna 150 to take an aerial shot of the class shaping their year on the slope next to the band room at the High School. When we reviewed the stills, we realized that the wing struts and the wheel of the plane blocked the view and ruined the photo."

Pulaski and the pilot flew back up, with Pulaski's door strapped open and with nothing but a strap holding him in the plane. The pilot banked the Cessna and Pulaski took the photos, using both his hands to shoot the pictures, with nothing between him and the air! "People said it was crazy," he added.

Another funny thing happened during a year in the 1970s, he said. "We went to Stanley Park in Westfield, with each yearbook staff member dressed in clothes representing the line of work each expected in the future. One girl dressed as a nun, and a girl close by in the photo wore a bikini and was holding a surfboard or water skis. Other kids dressed like nurses, lawyers, or other career types.

"When we submitted the photos, the publishers thought we were a Catholic school and that the nun was protecting the girl in the bikini!"

Another funny experience happened the year Pulaski was shooting the yearbook cover at the old Sach's Palace on Riverdale Road.

It seems the manager was a friend of Pulaski's and had agreed to let them use the marquee to print something like, "Now showing - the Seniors of 1980!" They were putting up the letters (trying to hurry because rain was threatening) when cars began pulling up and people asked, "What's this movie?"

Many of the yearbook covers were photos of objects, such as lithographs of different things: a tie-dye dress, a scrapbook cover, admissions tickets and programs in a montage, or a hologram for the year 2000 which turns first to day and then to night outside the view of a window.

"The criterion for choosing the staff has always included references from at least two teachers. These were kids who were serious about their futures and would do whatever it took to produce a good yearbook," Pulaski commented.

"I feel that when a student receives their yearbook, they are holding in their hands something they will always cherish. A yearbook is the window to the community of the school. What you are producing now will be looked at for 10, 20, and 30 or more years. Capture these years," he added.

Congratulations, Mr. Pulaski, on an incredible career at AHS and best wishes from a immensely grateful community of students and parents.



Graduation 2001 - Colleges & Universities...



MARYANN PALEOLOGOPOULOS

Maryann Paleologopoulos graduates with honors

Maryann Paleologopoulos of River Road, Agawam, recently graduated summa cum laude from Bay Path College in Longmeadow.

She received her baccalaureate degree in business administration (with a concentration in executive management), and is a member of Bay Path's Maroon Key Honor Society.

Paleologopoulos is a co-founder of Healthy Images, a Northampton-based educational program geared to educate students and members of the community on eating disorders. She also holds a seat on the Health Advisory Council for the Agawam School System, as well as serving as a volunteer dispatcher for Rachel's Table of Longmeadow and a volunteer leader for Girl Scouts of America.

Recently, Paleologopoulos has been accepted into Springfield College School of Social Work's Advanced Generalist Master's Degree Program, where she will attend full-time classes while beginning her internship at The Center for Eating Disorders and Body Acceptance in Easthampton.

She hopes to receive her master's degree in social work and practice as an individual and family therapist within the region.

Area residents receive degrees at Clark University

Last month, Clark University in Worcester, MA, held its 96th commencement exercises. Among this year's degree recipients were the following area residents:

Cindi Alfano of Agawam received a bachelor of arts in psychology. She attended Agawam High School and is the daughter of Vicki Alfano.

Elizabeth Anne Gervais of Feeding Hills received a master of science in professional communication.

Clark University is a private, coeducational liberal arts research university with 2,000 undergraduate and 600 graduate students.

AIC awards 384 degrees at commencement

The following area residents were awarded degrees at American International College's 116 commencement ceremony held last month at the Springfield Civic Center.

** From Agawam:*

Amy Grimaldi, BSBA in marketing; **Laurie Labato-Ditomass**, MED in reading; **David Lemke**, MED in secondary education; **Francine Cotoia**, MED in special education; **Jacquelyn DeCosmo**, MED in special education; **Nelson Abdala**, bachelor of science in criminal justice; **Linda Hayes**, MPA in master of public administration; **Kristen Huff**, bachelor of arts in Spanish; **Susan Natale**, BSBA in marketing; **Jenika Peeler**, summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in biology; **Heidi Reiprich**, magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in interdepartmental science; **Donna Stirlacci**, bachelor of science in liberal studies; and **Lynn Thibault**, BBA in international business.

** From Feeding Hills:*

Rachel Niemiec, bachelor of science in criminal justice; **Lori O'Dea**, summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in interdepartmental science; **Melissa Weinle**, cum laude with a bachelor of science in criminal justice; and **Stacy Wright**, MAEP in educational psychology.

This year, AIC awarded a total of 384 degrees. The class of 2001 featured students from 18 U.S. states and several foreign countries, including Bermuda, Canada, Barbados, Spain, Ghana, and Russia.

Founded in 1885 and located in Springfield, MA, AIC is a private, four-year, coeducational institution offering graduate and undergraduate programs in the schools of arts and sciences, business administration, psychology and education, and health sciences.

At JFK School of Government...

Donna Ducharme earns master's from Harvard

On June 7th, Donna Ducharme graduated from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government with a master in public administration (MPA) mid-career degree.

Ducharme, daughter of Rita G. Ducharme of Agawam, concentrated in leadership studies. She was the recipient of the Gertrude Manly Fellowship for Administration and Leadership.

Ducharme has worked in Europe since receiving her MBA from the Wharton School in 1990. Upon graduation, she planned to return to Rome, Italy, where she worked in emergency relief operations for the United Nations.

"The class of 2001 is a truly impressive collection of people from all walks of life and over 60 different countries," said Dean Joseph Nye. "I look forward to their continued public service with great pride and high expectations."

The John F. Kennedy School of Government is the graduate professional school at Harvard University, dedicated to training people for excellence in government and public service. The School is engaged in three core activities: teaching graduate students; conducting major research in public policy; and training executives in federal, state, and local government.

Local students earn degrees from Springfield College

The following Agawam and Feeding Hills residents received diplomas from Springfield College at recently held commencement ceremonies.

** From Agawam:*

Dale Pappas, bachelor of science; **Constance Golbach**, master of education; **Jeffrey Schumann**, master of education; **Susan Vassallo**, master of education; and **Jennifer Lomelino**, master of social work.

** From Feeding Hills:*

Amos McLeod III, bachelor of science; **Marianne Brodeur**, master of science; **Kelsey Ketelsen**, master of science; and **Daniel Brown**, master of science.

United States Senator John Kerry (D-MA) delivered the commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Michael J. Albano, Mayor of Springfield, MA, was also among this year's recipients of honorary doctor of humanities degrees.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College emphasizes the education of leaders for the allied health sciences, human and social services, sports and movement activities, and the arts and sciences. It is world-renowned as the birthplace of basketball, a game created by Professor James Naismith in 1891, and as the alma mater of William G. Morgan, inventor of the game of volleyball.

Lori Swikalus graduates from Johnson & Wales

Lori Swikalus, daughter of Robert & Nancy Swikalus of 63 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, was among 4,347 students who recently received their undergraduate degrees at Johnson & Wales University's 87th graduation exercises in Providence, Rhode Island.

A management major, Swikalus was awarded a bachelor of science.

Johnson & Wales - "America's Career University" - was founded in 1914. It is a private, non-profit, accredited institution offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business, food service, hospitality, and technology.

Kristine Modzelesky graduates from Hamilton College

Kristine Modzelesky, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Modzelesky of Marla Place, Feeding Hills, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College during recently held commencement exercises.

Hamilton (located in Clinton, New York) awarded 430 diplomas in the ceremony, which marked the conclusion of the college's 189th academic year.

A psychology major at Hamilton and a graduate of Suffield Academy, Modzelesky now joins an alumni body of approximately 15,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government, and the arts.

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Graduation 2001 - Colleges & Universities...

Area residents graduate from Bay Path College

The following area residents were among the 191 women who recently graduated from Bay Path College during its commencement exercises.

Gail A. Nadok of Campbell Drive, Agawam, received an associate in science degree, *summa cum laude*. She was enrolled in the business administration program.

Debbie A. Proulx of Christopher Lane, Feeding Hills, received an associate of science degree. She was enrolled in the executive management program.

Lisa M. Reveruzzi, daughter of James & Patricia Reveruzzi of Spencer Street, Agawam, received a bachelor of science degree and was enrolled in the travel and hospitality program. She also received a Service Award for leadership in campus organizations; was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*; and was a member of the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

Founded in 1897, Bay Path College is a small, private undergraduate women's college located in Longmeadow, MA, with a diverse student body from throughout the United States and around the globe. Focusing on the development of leadership, communication, and technological skills, it offers distinctive baccalaureate and associate degree programs that prepare women for professional roles in a contemporary society, as well as a master's program for men and women.

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents graduate from Elms

The following area residents were among this year's 221 degree recipients at Elms College in Chicopee.

** From Agawam:*

Katherine M. Anderson graduated with a bachelor of arts in elementary education and English. She was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Carla Lynn Davids graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree in art. She was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, and was a recipient of the 2001 Art Achievement Award. She is the daughter of the late Ronald R. Davids, Sr. of Bowler, Wisconsin, and Ina Rae McClelland of Tama, Iowa.

Concetta Ann DeCaro graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing.

Deena S. LeDuc graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree in paralegal.

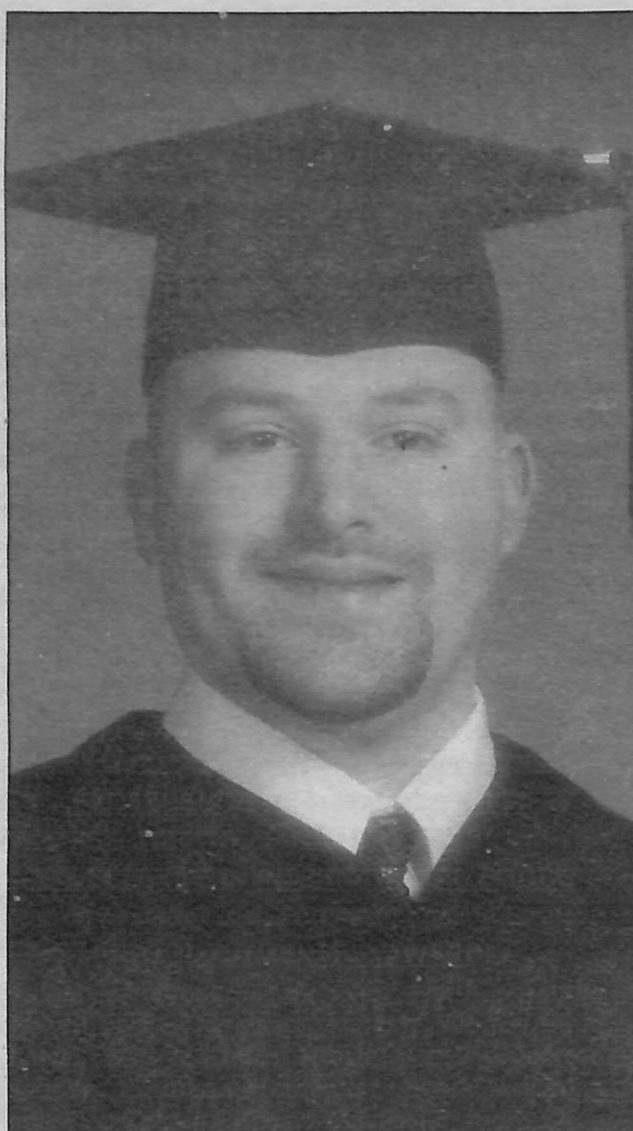
** From Feeding Hills:*

Mary Catherine Ghidoni received a master of education degree.

Kathleen Mary Marquis graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree in paralegal.

Elms College is a coeducational, liberal arts college that was founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1928.

For all the hometown news, you turn our pages each and every week ... AAN!!!



ADAM P. KIMBALL

Adam P. Kimball awarded bachelor's at Bentley College

Adam P. Kimball of 43 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree, *cum laude*, at Bentley College in Waltham, MA.

Jeff Taylor, CEO of monster.com, addressed the 917 members of the class of 2001 and their guests at Bentley's 82nd undergraduate commencement exercises.

Kimball majored in finance at Bentley and plans to begin employment this month as an analyst with Barra Rogers Casey in Darien, CT.

His undergraduate activities included an internship at Shorey Huntington Corp. in Concord, MA, and intramural sports.

The son of Philip & Kathi Kimball, he is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School. He is the grandson of Wallace & Barbara Kimball of Westfield (formerly of Agawam), and Howard & Shirley (White) Parker of Moody Beach, Maine.

Geoffrey Biebel earns BA in criminal justice/sociology

Geoffrey Biebel, son of William & Diane Biebel of Feeding Hills, has received a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice/sociology from Stonehill College in Easton, MA.

While at Stonehill, Biebel was an admissions tour guide from 1998-2001. He was a member of the Student Government, Alumni Association, and the Criminal Justice Society, and was a freshman orientation leader.

Biebel studied abroad at Richmond College, the International University in London, England, during the spring of 2000.

He is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

Area students receive their degrees from WNEC

Local students were among those who recently graduated from Western New England College in Springfield, MA.

Lorena Marie Dubois of West Springfield received a bachelor of science in business administration degree in accounting, *with honors*. (*With honors* signifies transfer students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.) The daughter of Margaret Rannenberg of Agawam, she was a member of Delta Mu Delta at WNEC.

Carmine Michael Keane of Feeding Hills received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, *cum laude*. (*Cum laude* honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.30 and 3.60.) The son of Teresa Santaniello of Feeding Hills, he was a member of the Criminal Justice Honor Society at WNEC.

Michelle Amy Kupras of Feeding Hills received a bachelor of science in business administration degree in marketing. She is the daughter of Raymond & Mary Anne Kupras of Feeding Hills.

Todd R. Zern of Feeding Hills received a bachelor of science in business administration degree in management, *summa cum laude*. (*Summa cum laude* honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.80 or above.) The son of Theodore & Roxanne Zern of Feeding Hills, he is married to Jaye Zern of Feeding Hills. While at WNEC, Zern was the founder and manager of the College's pep band, an orientation group leader, peer tutor, Freshman Seminar assistant, and a member of Up With People. He was also the recipient of the Alumni Association Royal Skookum Award and the Andrew J. Mulcahy Leadership Award, and a member of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. He was also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society and the Delta Mu Delta business honor society.

Western New England College is a private, independent, coeducational institution that was founded in 1919. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

Kevin R. King earns bachelor of science from VTC

Vermont Technical College (VTC), located in Randolph Center, recently awarded 241 associate's degrees in applied sciences and in engineering technology, and 17 bachelor's degrees during its annual commencement exercises.

Among the degree recipients was Kevin R. King of Agawam, who earned a bachelor of science. He majored in architectural engineering technology at VTC.

Susan DeFilipi graduates from Mass. College of Pharmacy

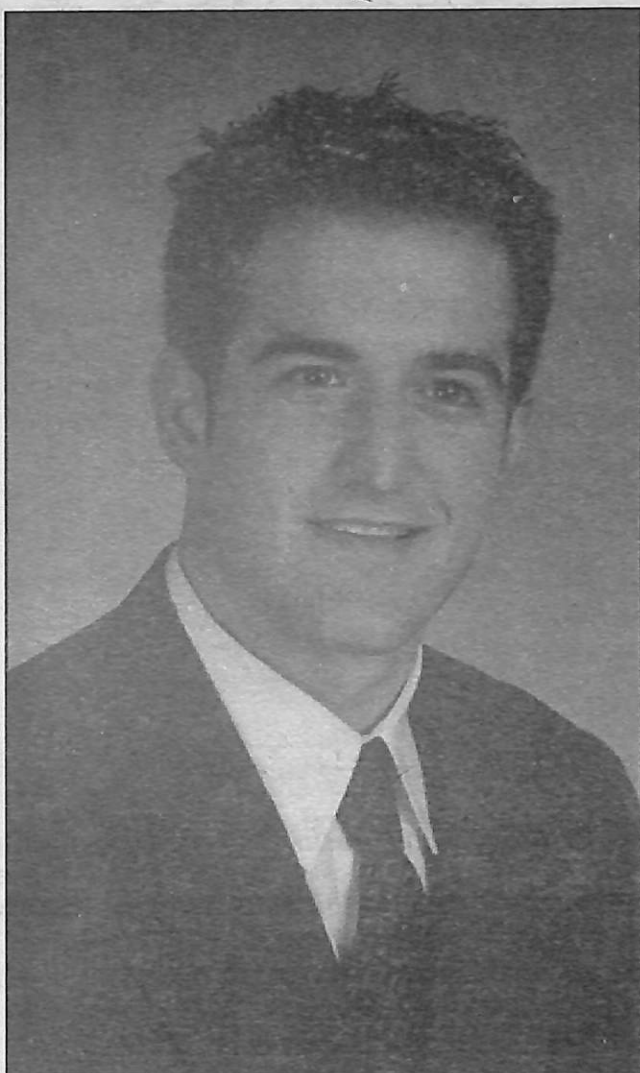
Susan DeFilipi received her bachelor of science in pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston on May 10th.

Walgreen Drug Store in Boston currently employs her.

She is a graduate of Agawam High School and is the daughter of Robert & Janice DeFilipi.



Graduation 2001 - Colleges & Universities...



CARLO F. BONAVIDA

Carlo F. Bonavita receives bachelor's degree from Fordham

On May 19th, Carlo F. Bonavita graduated from Fordham University in The Bronx, New York. Majoring in political science, he received a bachelor of arts degree.

Bonavita is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School. At AHS, he was on the lacrosse team for four years. During his senior year at AHS, he was a goalie and a captain for the school's first varsity boys' lacrosse team.

At Fordham, he also played all four years on the men's lacrosse team.

He will be attending Seton Hall Law School in Newark, New Jersey, in the fall.

Bonavita resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his parents, Anthony & Adele Bonavita, and his sister, Franca.



Kevin Tampone named a Newhouse Scholar at Syracuse

Kevin Tampone of Feeding Hills, a senior majoring in newspaper journalism in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication's at Syracuse University, was named a Newhouse Scholar at the school's recently held awards ceremony.

Newhouse Scholars are selected annually by the faculty of the Newhouse School to recognize outstanding scholarship.

The S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University is one of the most respected professional communications schools in the nation. Its 53 full-time faculty include industry leaders and internationally known scholars and researchers.

The Department of Television/Radio/Film is consistently ranked as the best of its kind in the nation. The Newhouse School also offers degree programs in six other disciplines: advertising, broadcast journalism, magazine, newspaper, public relations, and visual and interactive communications.

AnnMarie Bianca awarded bachelor's at Fitchburg State

AnnMarie Bianca of Feeding Hills was among those 800 graduates who recently received their degrees at Fitchburg State College's 105th commencement exercises.

A sociology major, Bianca was awarded a bachelor of science.

Thousands of parents, friends, and relatives attended the ceremony on the college quadrangle. U.S. Senator John F. Kerry was the speaker.

Robert A. Salvatore, a 1981 graduate of the college and one of the epic fantasy genre's most successful authors, was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Eric N. Shepard receives Vermont Law School degree

Eric N. Shepard of Agawam received a Juris Doctor degree during Vermont Law School's commencement ceremony last month.

In 1998, Shepard received a master of studies in environmental law degree from the Vermont Law School.

Vermont Law School is one of a handful of independent, private law schools in the United States and is the only law school in Vermont. VLS offers a traditional Juris Doctor (J.D.) curriculum that emphasizes the public-serving role of lawyers; a master of studies in environmental law degree for lawyers and non-lawyers alike; and a post-J.D. degree, the LL.M., in environmental law.

The school also features innovative experiential programs and is home to the Environmental Law Center.

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At Westfield State College...

Kathleen Ward earns certificate in addiction counseling

Kathleen Ward of Feeding Hills was among the recipients of Addiction Counselor Education (ACE) Program certificates at Westfield State College.

Graduates of the year-long program were honored at a ceremony on Wednesday, June 13th, in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The ACE training, which prepares participants for work in substance abuse counseling programs, is offered by the Lifelong Learning Program in the college's Division of Graduate and Continuing Education.

Jeanne M. O'Neil graduates magna cum laude from Amherst

Jeanne M. O'Neil graduated magna cum laude with a degree in English from Amherst College on May 27th.

While at Amherst, she was a Division I women's rugby team starting fullback and also played softball.

In her junior year, she spent a semester studying at the University of Melbourne, Australia, and travelled through much of the country.

O'Neil is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently employed as a sportswriter for the Springfield Union News.

James C. Hollins awarded degree at Bucknell University

James C. Hollins of Feeding Hills, son of Bobby Hollins, was among the 766 bachelor's degree recipients at last month's commencement ceremonies at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Hollins received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Degrees were awarded for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, management, and education.

Feeding Hills residents graduate from Stonehill College

Derek Carpenter and Christopher Olson, both of Feeding Hills, were among those students who recently graduated from Stonehill College.

Stonehill - a four-year liberal arts institution - was founded in 1948. The college is located on a 375-acre campus in historic Easton, MA.

The staff of The Agawam Advertiser News offers its best wishes to all of the graduates of the class of 2001...



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RICHARD SKOWYRA II

Richard Skowyra II graduates from Rensselaer

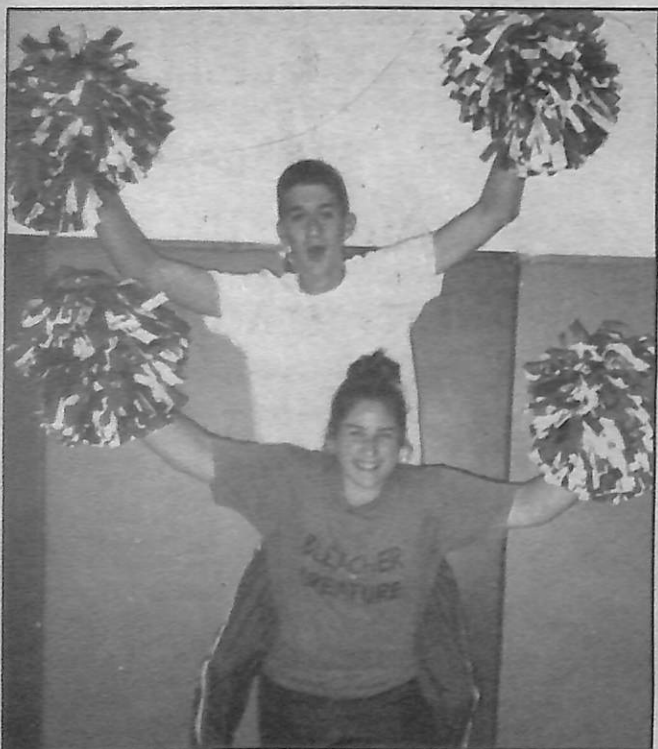
During the 195th commencement exercises of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Richard Skowyra II was awarded a bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude, in biomedical engineering. He is the son of Richard & Felicia Skowyra of Feeding Hills, and a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

As a senior at RPI, he received the Founders Award of Excellence, which is given to students who embody qualities of creativity, discovery, leadership, pride, and responsibility at Rensselaer. He was also a member of the RPI football team for three years.

Skowyra will continue his studies at Rensselaer, pursuing a master of science degree in biomedical engineering, with a concentration in biomaterials, cell, and tissue research. He has received a full academic scholarship for his graduate studies, and will be a teaching assistant in the biomedical engineering laboratory.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, located in Troy, New York, is an independent, coeducational, and nonsectarian university with approximately 4,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students.

"We're outta here!!!"



ARE RECENT AHS GRADUATES Adam Escobar and Laura Bucalo cheering for the Brownies, or the fact that their respective high school careers are finally over???

Locals receive degrees from Trinity College in Hartford

At the recently held 175th commencement ceremony at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, 493 undergraduates and 27 post-graduates received their degrees.

Among the recipients were the following area residents, both of whom majored in biology:

Keith C. Jendza, son of Ms. Jacqueline M. Jendza of Colemore Street, Feeding Hills, and Richard P. Jendza, also of Feeding Hills.

Steven E. Rovithis, son of Mr. & Mrs. Steven D. Rovithis of Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills.

Amy M. Leckinger graduates from William Smith College

The Trustees and Faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges have announced that Amy Marie Leckinger received her bachelor of arts degree in sociology at William Smith College. The commencement was held on Sunday, May 13th, on the Hobart Quadrangle in Geneva, New York.

Leckinger, a native of New Seabury, MA, is the granddaughter of Eugene & Marie Laturnau of Agawam.

Local residents graduate from Curry College

Curry College President Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr. is pleased to announce that Agawam resident **Mark P. Russell** and Feeding Hills residents **Eric W. Lottermoser** and **James F. Donovan** were among those students who received their degrees during the college's 122nd commencement ceremony.

At the recently held ceremony, the college conferred 399 degrees on students from 13 states and two countries.

Curry College is a coeducational, four-year, liberal arts institution located on 132 acres in Milton, MA.

Anthony "Tony" Circosta earns bachelor's from WSC

Anthony "Tony" Circosta recently graduated from Westfield State College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is hoping to become a police officer, and is currently being interviewed and testing for several police departments.

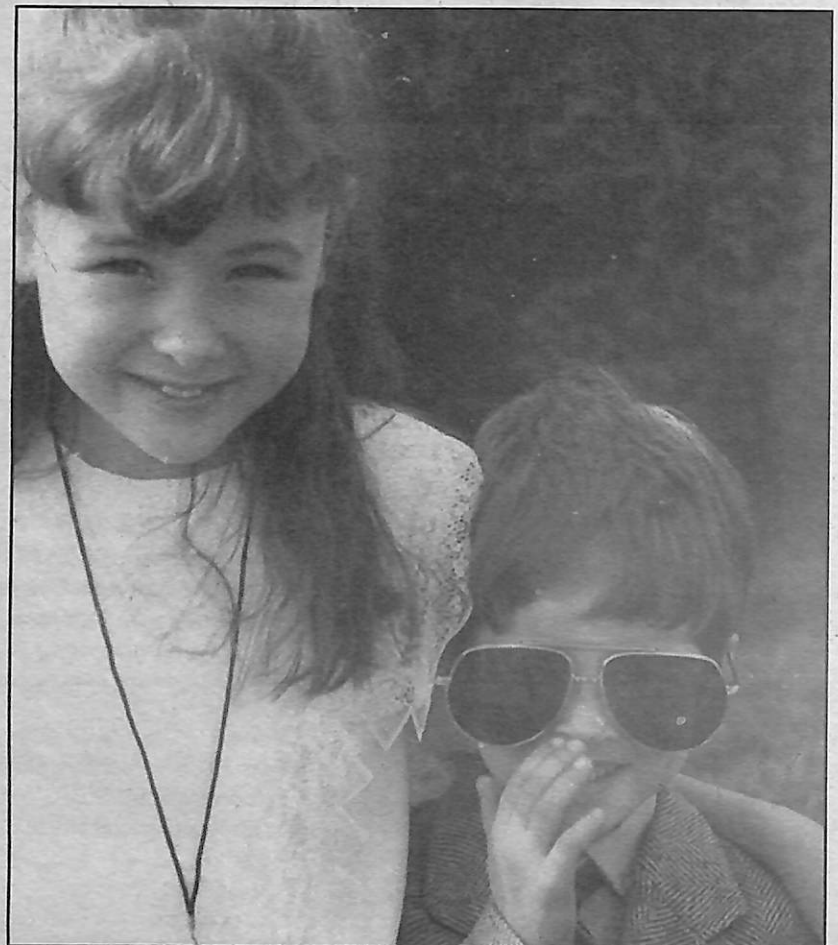
Circosta is an EMT and serves on the Agawam Call Fire Department. In January, he finished his six-year enlistment with the Army National Guard.

Good luck, Tony!



Congratulations & Good Luck!!!

"It went by too fast."



Love, ~
Mom & Dad,
Jen, Melissa and Kean



Agawam Summer Entertainment Series

Wednesday night concerts and Saturday night movies on Veteran's Green- 700 Main St. All music rain or shine and starting at 7:00PM. For info call 789-7393 or www.agawamcc.org

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Tuesday, July 3
Westfield American Legion Band

A traditional "American as apple pie" opening to the series featuring 24 of the area's most talented musicians. Sponsored by Canary-Blomstrom Insurance.



CRANKERS CAR SHOW JULY 11!

Wednesday, August 22
The Boogaloo Swamis



Mardi Gras comes to Agawam featuring this four-time winner of the Boston Music Awards. They'll provide the music and excitement, we'll provide the beads and masks! They recently played Boston's House of Blues on Fat Tuesday. Sponsored by Hampden Savings Bank

Wednesday, August 29
Souled Out Motown Review



We welcome back this Hartford-based dynamic 10-piece band for a singing and dancing Motown review. Sponsored by Westfield Bank



Wednesday, July 11
The Bobby Darling Show
Plus Crankers Auto Show



They describe it as "great music with a little comedy", we describe it as just plain fun. Featuring originals as well as great pop covers from the 80's and 90's. A favorite for the last fifteen years at the "happy hours" of the Killington Ski Resort. Plus check out some of the coolest "Hot Rods" in the area!

Sponsored by EB's Chicken Restaurant.

Wednesday, July 18
The Hornets



This Hartford based band returns and features some of the area's best blues and jump-swing style music. They recently performed for audiences in Atlantic City and at Foxwood's Casino and were rated as one of the best blues bands in Connecticut. Sponsored by Mushy's Grille and Golf.

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Saturday, July 21
All About Buford and Brass Attack
plus "Raiders of The Lost Ark"
drive-in movie



A jam packed night featuring contemporary a capella, great rock and roll, and one of the greatest adventure films of all times. Sponsored by The Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday, July 25
The New England Brass Quartet



Enjoy the traditional sounds of one of the area's finest brass quartets.

Wednesday, August 1
Eight To The Bar



Back from a national tour, this great band features original boogie-woogie style music of a bygone era. Check out former Van Morrison sax player, Colin Tilton! Sponsored by United Industrial Service.

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Remillard Insurance
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Schlaffer Chiropractic Office

Wednesday, August 8
The Memories Big Band



Back by popular demand after a great performance last year, this 26 piece band brings back the big band era. Sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club.

Saturday, August 11
Rotary penny carnival/Woronocho Family Film Festival



Enjoy an old time penny carnival featuring family oriented fun plus an outdoor movie of great classic family short films. Sponsored by Woronocho Bank.

Wednesday, August 15
Wildest Dreams



Boston's renown calypso/reggae band featuring a creative blend of world music featuring powerful vocals, contagious rhythms and a message of harmony. One of the true highlights of last years series. Sponsored by Westbank.

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